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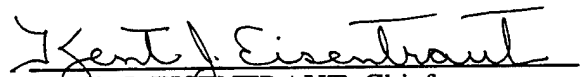
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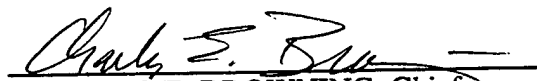
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# STUDY OF GENERAL DYNAMICS BEARING CAGE DESIGNS

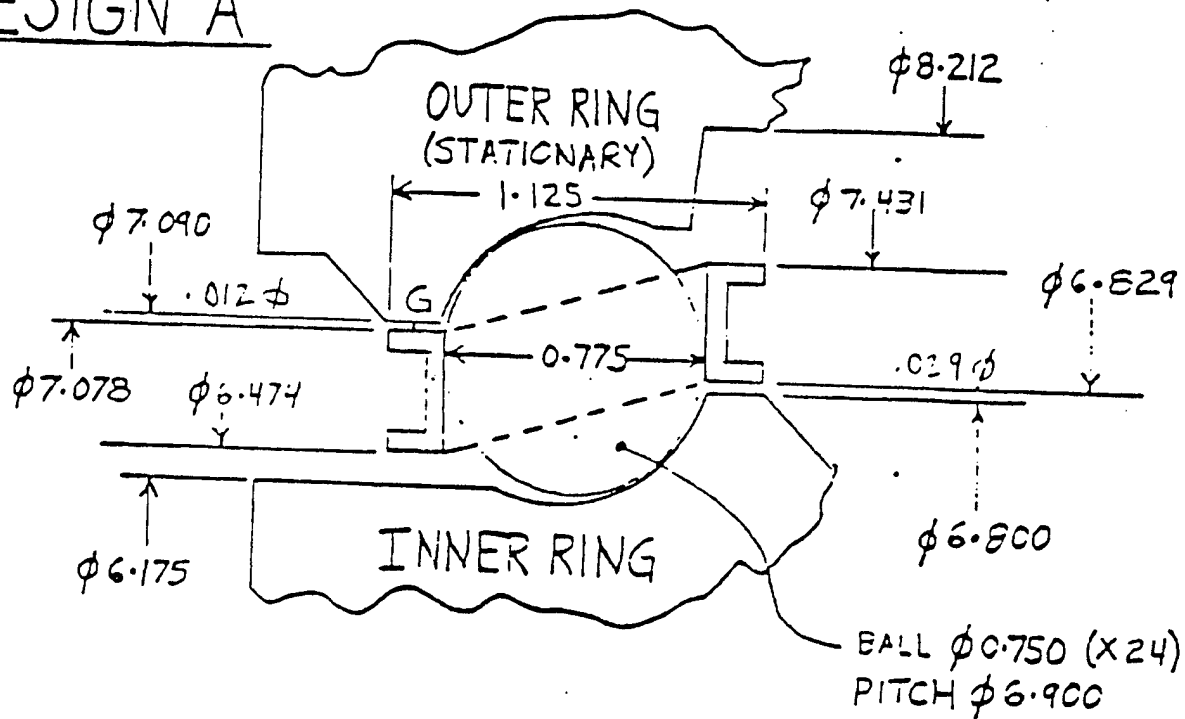
## Summary

This report documents the study of bearing cage designs, proposed by General Dynamics Electric Boat Division (GDEB). The proposed cage designs possessed geometry which differed considerably from conventional cage designs. The ball bearing dynamics software, BABERDYN2, was modified to enable the analysis of this new geometry. Subsequently, an optimization study of the ball-to-pocket and land riding clearances was performed. The results of this study are contained herein.

## **1.0 Introduction**

The proposed cage designs are shown in Figure 1. As can be seen from the figure, both Design "A" and Design "B" have an unconventional geometry for the ball cages. Typically, the left and right sides of the cage are symmetrical; however, in the present case, the ball cage design is new and unconventional.

# DESIGN A



DESIGN B

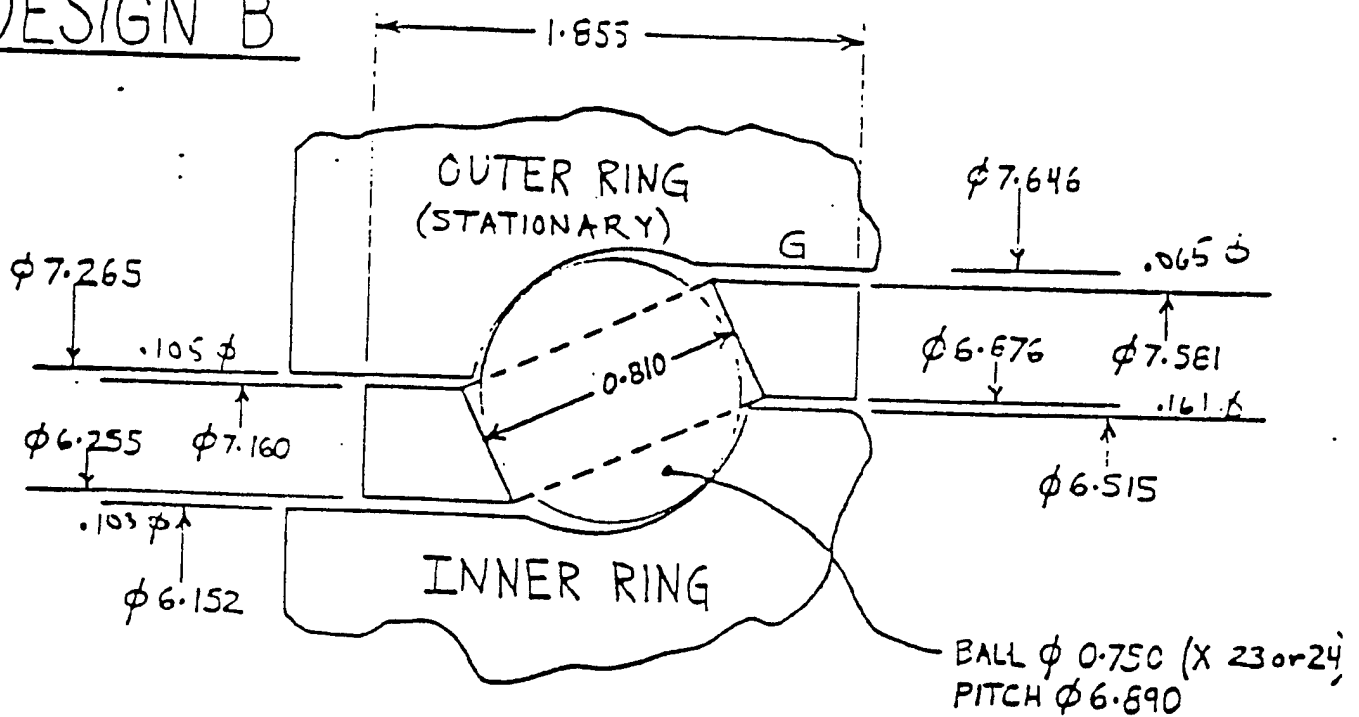


Fig 1 Bearing Design Specifics

## 2.0 Modification of the Bearing Dynamics Program BABERDYN

The existing bearing dynamics software BABERDYN2 is capable of handling cage designs which come into contact with either the outer race or inner race of the bearing. In either of these cases, the impact forces between guiding race and cage are symmetrical from the symmetry of the race geometry. Hence, no torques are exerted on the cage due to the symmetry condition.

In the present designs, the symmetry condition does not hold, thus necessitating an extension of the current model to handle these "skew guided" designs. The details of the modeling are explained in Sections 2.1 through 2.3.

### 2.1 Collision Forces

When collisions between race and cage occur, the normal and tangential forces are calculated as follows:

$$F_{b/cT} = \mu F_{b/cN}$$

$$F_{b/cN} = K_{c/r} * (\delta - \text{gap})^{1.11}$$

where

$F_b$  = cage/race collision force, lbs, (Normal and Tangential)

$K_{c/r}$  = effective cage/race stiffness, lb/in<sup>1.11</sup>

$\delta$  = displacement of cage fixed coordinate, in.

gap = cage/guiding race radial clearance, in.

$\mu$  = Coulomb friction coefficient between cage and race

## 2.2 Collision Moments

The diagram illustrates a cross-section of a ball bearing within a housing. The following parameters are labeled:

- Coordinate Systems:**
  - $X_P$ : Vertical axis passing through the center of the bearing.
  - $Z_P$ : Horizontal axis passing through the center of the bearing.
  - $X_I$ : Vertical axis passing through the center of the pocket.
  - $Z_I$ : Horizontal axis passing through the center of the pocket.
- Geometric Features and Dimensions:**
  - Outer Race:** The outer ring of the bearing.
  - Inner Race:** The inner ring of the bearing.
  - Cage:** The structure that holds the balls in place.
  - TOP / BOTTOM:** Indicate the vertical orientation.
  - POCKET CENTERLINE:** The vertical centerline of the housing pocket.
  - CAGE CENTERLINE:** The vertical centerline of the cage.
  - Angles:**
    - $\alpha$ : Angle between the  $X_P$  axis and the line connecting the bearing center to the pocket centerline.
    - $\beta$ : Angle between the  $Z_P$  axis and the line connecting the bearing center to the pocket centerline.
  - Distances and Radii:**
    - $L_O$ : Distance from the top of the bearing to the top of the pocket.
    - $r_{OUT}$ : Radius of the outer race.
    - $r_{IN}$ : Radius of the inner race.
    - $L_I$ : Distance from the bottom of the bearing to the bottom of the pocket.
    - $r_C$ : Radius of the cage.
    - $r_o = r_I$ : Radius of the pocket.

Therefore, no moment will be transferred into the cage. Only when the top or bottom portion of the cage contacts the guiding land will the collision force on one portion of the cage create an offset moment transferring into the cage. The off-set moment will have a tendency to tip the cage and virtually lock the cage in place for a while. The off-set moment is calculated as follows:

$$\Delta M = \begin{Bmatrix} r_c \\ 0 \\ r_c \end{Bmatrix} * [F_{b/cN} \ 0 \ F_{b/cT}]$$

where  $r_c$  = algebraic distance from the contact between guiding race and cage to the cage center line, in inches.  $r_c$  will be positive if the collision occurs on the top portion, negative if the collision occurs on the bottom portions, and zero if collision occurs on both portions of the cage. Then collision forces and moments are transformed back into the cage-fixed frame and added to the other ball-pocket forces as follows:

$$F = \Sigma [B_i]^T F_i$$

$$M = \Sigma [B_i]^T M_i$$

### 2.3 Cage Moment of Inertia and Center of Mass

The GDEB bearing cage is symmetric about the z-axis; therefore, the product of inertias are zero (i.e.,  $I_{xy}$ ,  $I_{xz}$ ,  $I_{yz}$ ). The center of mass of the cage is off-set from the geometrical center of the cage by a very small fraction. For the sake of simplicity, the center of mass of the cage is assumed to lie on the geometrical center.

### 3.0 Summary of Inputs

Table 1 Summary of Inputs, Cage

CAGE INPUTS	DESIGN A	DESIGN B
Outside Dia (in)	7.078	7.581
Inside Dia. (in)	6.829	6.2552
Width (in.)	1.125	1.855
X,Y, Z Inertia slug - in <sup>2</sup>	0.0295, 0.0295, 0.0561	0.0991, 0.0991, 0.1883
Mass Slug	4.632 E-3	.0161

Table 2 Summary of Inputs, Bearing

BEARING INPUTS	DESIGN A	DESIGN B
Ball Dia (in)	0.75	0.75
Inner Race Land Dia (in	6.80	6.152
Outer Race Land Dia (in)	7.09	7.646
Inner Race Curvature	0.53	0.53
Outer Race Curvature	0.545	0.53
Pitch Dia (in)	6.9	6.89
Contact Angle	30°	30°

Table 3 Summary of Inputs, Friction and Lubricants

FRICITION & LUBRICANT INPUTS	DESIGN A	DESIGN B
C/L Damping $\frac{\text{lb} - \text{s}}{\text{in}}$	0.0285	0.0285
C/B Damping $\frac{\text{lb} - \text{s}}{\text{in}}$	0.0285	0.0285
C/B Stiffness $\frac{\text{lb}}{\text{in}}$	1800	10,400
C/L Stiffness $\frac{\text{lb}}{\text{in}}$	250	7,664
C/L Coulomb Friction	0.2	0.2
C/B Coulomb Friction	0.2	0.2
Lube Viscosity $\frac{\text{lb} - \text{s}}{\text{in}}$	2.53e-5	2.53e-5

Table 4 Summary of Inputs, Traction

Traction Data		
IN/SEC	LB/LB	Rolling Speed 406 in/sec 41.7° C Contact Stress 150 Ksi
12.2	0.012	
28.42	0.0184	
69.02	0.020	
121.8	0.020	

Table 5 Summary of Inputs, Cage Pocket Geometry

CAGE POCKET GEOMETRY	DESIGN A	DESIGN B
Cone Angle	90° for race guided cages	N/A
Cage/Ball	N/A	3.445
Pocket Dia (in)	0.775	0.810

Table 6 Summary of Inputs, Material Properties

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES	RING	BALLS	DESIGN A CAGE	DESIGN B CAGE
Young's Modulus (psi)	$3.2 \times 10^7$	$4.5 \times 10^7$	$8.8 \times 10^5$	$1 \times 10^6$
Poisson Ratio	0.32	0.26	0.4	0.26
Density (lb/in <sup>3</sup> )	-	0.1156	0.015	0.050

Table 7 Summary of Inputs, Ball Contact Parameters

No.	Design A		Design B	
	B/IR Load (lb)	B/OR Load (lb)	B/IR Load (lb)	B/OR Load (lb)
1	141.362	141.563	121.324	121.998
2	140.441	140.628	120.244	120.918
3	139.862	140.043	119.567	120.240
4	139.666	139.843	119.335	120.010
5	139.763	140.044	119.568	120.241
6	140.441	140.628	120.244	120.919
7	141.361	141.561	121.325	121.997
8	142.566	142.782	122.737	123.408
9	143.973	144.205	124.389	125.058
10	145.489	145.739	126.170	126.839
11	147.009	147.275	127.960	128.626
12	148.432	148.715	129.635	130.300
13	149.657	149.952	131.077	131.143
14	150.600	150.905	132.190	132.854
15	151.193	151.504	132.890	133.554
16	151.396	151.709	133.130	133.794
17	151.193	151.504	132.890	133.554
18	150.600	150.905	132.190	132.853
19	149.657	149.952	131.078	131.744
20	148.432	148.715	129.634	130.300
21	147.010	147.276	127.959	128.626
22	145.489	145.738	126.169	126.838
23	143.973	144.205	124.388	125.059
24	142.566	142.782	122.737	123.407

**Operating Conditions**

B/IR Stiffness  $3.6 \times 10^7$   
 B/OR Stiffness  $3.7 \times 10^7$   
 OR Waviness  $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$   
 IR Waviness  $1.0 \times 10^{-5}$   
 No. OR Waves 4

No. IR Waves 3  
 Phase Shift 0  
 Minimum Ball Dia 0.75  
 Maximum Ball Dia 0.75  
 OR Speed 0  
 IR Speed 1200



#### 4.0 Conclusions

A summary of the simulation results is presented in Tables 8-19. The time histories of each of the cases simulated is included in the Appendix. Both Design A and Design B were simulated. For each design, the upper and lower bounds of the coulomb friction parameter were simulated. The coulomb friction parameters are under the Menu Item (of Baberdyn) "Friction and Lubricant Inputs" as C/L Coulomb Friction (cage to land) and C/B Coulomb Friction (cage to ball). The generally agreed upon practical lower bound is 0.2 and the upper bound is taken as 0.5. A review of the results presented in Tables 8-19 should be used to judge the qualitative behavior of the designs under consideration. The criteria used here for judging a "good" design is one which results in low (on the order of tenths of in-lbs) running torques. From the results presented in Tables 8-19 it appears that in general (for either high or low coulomb friction) larger retainer to land clearances (R) and larger retainer to ball clearances (B) will not result in unstable motion of the ball and retainer system. However, it is also the case that stable motion can also be obtained with smaller B/R values for the given conditions of lower coulomb friction.

## **Appendix    Time Histories of All Simulations**

The time histories of all simulations (except where noted below) are included herein.

The following abbreviations are used on the plot labels:

BF =    body fixed (i.e. coordinates fixed to the cage)

          (x & y components are plotted on the same graph)

$P_{xx}$  =    x component of radial motion in inertial coordinates

          (x & y components are plotted on the same graph)

Note: In Tables 8-19 the cases marked with an asterisk were not included because these cases required excessively long completion times (on the order of 24 hours of continuous execution on a 33 MHz PC 486 computer). Cases which require excessive run times can be safely assumed to be indicative of an unstable system.

Table 8 Design A with Low Friction, Retainer Pocket Diameter

**DESIGN A WITH LOW COULOMB FRICTION (0.2)**

RETAINER POCKET DIA. [IN.]	RETAINER INSIDE DIA [IN]		
	6.81	6.82	6.83
0.76	0101	0201	0301
0.77	0102	0202	0302
0.78	0103	0203	0303

Nominal retainer inside diameter = 6.829    Nominal retainer pocket diameter = 0.775

Table 9 Design A with Low Friction, Retainer to Ball Clearance

B - RETAINER TO BALL CLEARANCE [IN.]	R - RETAINER TO LAND CLEARANCE [IN.]		
	0.01	0.02	0.03
0.01	0101	0201	0301
0.02	0102	0202	0302
0.03	0103	0203	0303

Nominal R - 0.029    Nominal B - 0.025

Table 10 RMS Torque for Design A, Retainer to Ball Clearance

**RMS TORQUE FOR DESIGN A SERIES (IN-LB)**

B - RETAINER TO BALL CLEARANCE [IN.]	R - RETAINER TO LAND CLEARANCE [IN.]		
	0.01	0.02	0.03
0.01	UNSTABLE*	UNSTABLE	UNSTABLE
0.02	0.08	0.08	0.08
0.03	0.08	0.08	0.08

TABLE 1. SUMMARY OF GDEB BEARING DESIGN A RESULTS (LOW COULOMB FRICTION)

\*See Note in Section 5

Table 11 Design A with High Friction, Retainer Pocket Diameter  
**DESIGN A WITH HIGH COULOMB FRICTION (.5)**

RETAINER POCKET DIA. [IN.]	RETAINER INSIDE DIA [IN]		
	6.81	6.82	6.83
0.76	0101	0201	0301
0.77	0102	0202	0302
0.78	0103	0203	0303

Nominal retainer inside diameter = 6.829    Nominal retainer pocket diameter = 0.775

Table 12 Design A with High Friction, Retainer to Ball Clearance

B - RETAINER TO BALL CLEARANCE [IN.]	R - RETAINER TO LAND CLEARANCE [IN.]		
	0.01	0.02	0.03
0.01	0101	0201	0301
0.02	0102	0202	0302
0.03	0103	0203	0303

Nominal R - 0.029    Nominal B - 0.025

Table 13 RMS Torque for Design A, Retainer to Ball Clearance

**RMS TORQUE FOR DESIGN A SERIES (IN-LB)**

B - RETAINER TO BALL CLEARANCE [IN.]	R - RETAINER TO LAND CLEARANCE [IN.]		
	0.01	0.02	0.03
0.01	UNSTABLE	UNSTABLE	UNSTABLE
0.02	0.11	UNSTABLE	UNSTABLE
0.03	0.1	0.09	0.09

Table 14 Design B with Low Friction, Retainer Pocket Diameter  
**DESIGN B WITH LOW COULOMB FRICTION (.2)**

RETAINER POCKET DIA. [IN.]	RETAINER INSIDE DIA [IN]		
	6.175	6.225	6.275
.76	0101	0201	0301
.78	0102	0202	0302
.80	0103	0203	0303

Nominal retainer inside diameter = 6.2552    Nominal retainer pocket diameter = 0.810

Table 15 Design B with Low Friction, Retainer to Ball Clearance

B - RETAINER TO BALL CLEARANCE [IN.]	R - RETAINER TO LAND CLEARANCE [IN.]		
	0.023	0.073	0.123
0.01	0101	0201	0301
0.03	0102	0202	0302
0.05	0103	0203	0303

Nominal R - 0.103    Nominal B - 0.06

Table 16 RMS Torque for Design B, Retainer to Ball Clearance

**RMS TORQUE FOR DESIGN B SERIES LOW COULOMB FRICTION (IN-LB)**

B - RETAINER TO BALL CLEARANCE [IN.]	R - RETAINER TO LAND CLEARANCE [IN.]					
	0.023		0.073		0.123	
	AVG.	RMS	AVG.	RMS	AVG.	RMS
0.01	0.17	0.09	0.17	0.09	0.17	0.09
0.03	0.18	0.2	0.18	0.21	0.18	0.21
0.05	0.22	0.24	0.22	0.24	0.22	0.24

Table 17 Design B with High Friction, Retainer Pocket Diameter

**DESIGN B WITH HIGH COULOMB FRICTION (.5)**

RETAINER POCKET DIA. [IN.]	RETAINER INSIDE DIA [IN]		
	6.175	6.225	6.275
.76	0101	0201	0301
.78	0102	0202	0302
.80	0103	0203	0303

Nominal retainer inside diameter = 6.2552 Nominal retainer pocket diameter = 0.810

Table 18 Design B with High Friction, Retainer to Ball Clearance

B - RETAINER TO BALL CLEARANCE [IN.]	R - RETAINER TO LAND CLEARANCE [IN.]		
	0.023	0.073	0.123
0.01	0101	0201	0301
0.03	0102	0202	0302
0.05	0103	0203	0303

Nominal R - 0.103 Nominal B - 0.06

Table 19 RMS Torque for Design B, Retainer to Ball Clearance

**RMS TORQUE FOR DESIGN B SERIES HIGH COULOMB FRICTION (IN-LB)**

B - RETAINER TO BALL CLEARANCE [IN.]	R - RETAINER TO LAND CLEARANCE [IN.]					
	0.023		0.073		0.123	
	AVG.	RMS	AVG.	RMS	AVG.	RMS
0.01		*		*		*
0.03		UNSTABLE		*		*
0.05	0.5	0.5		UNSTABLE		UNSTABLE

\*See note in Section 5

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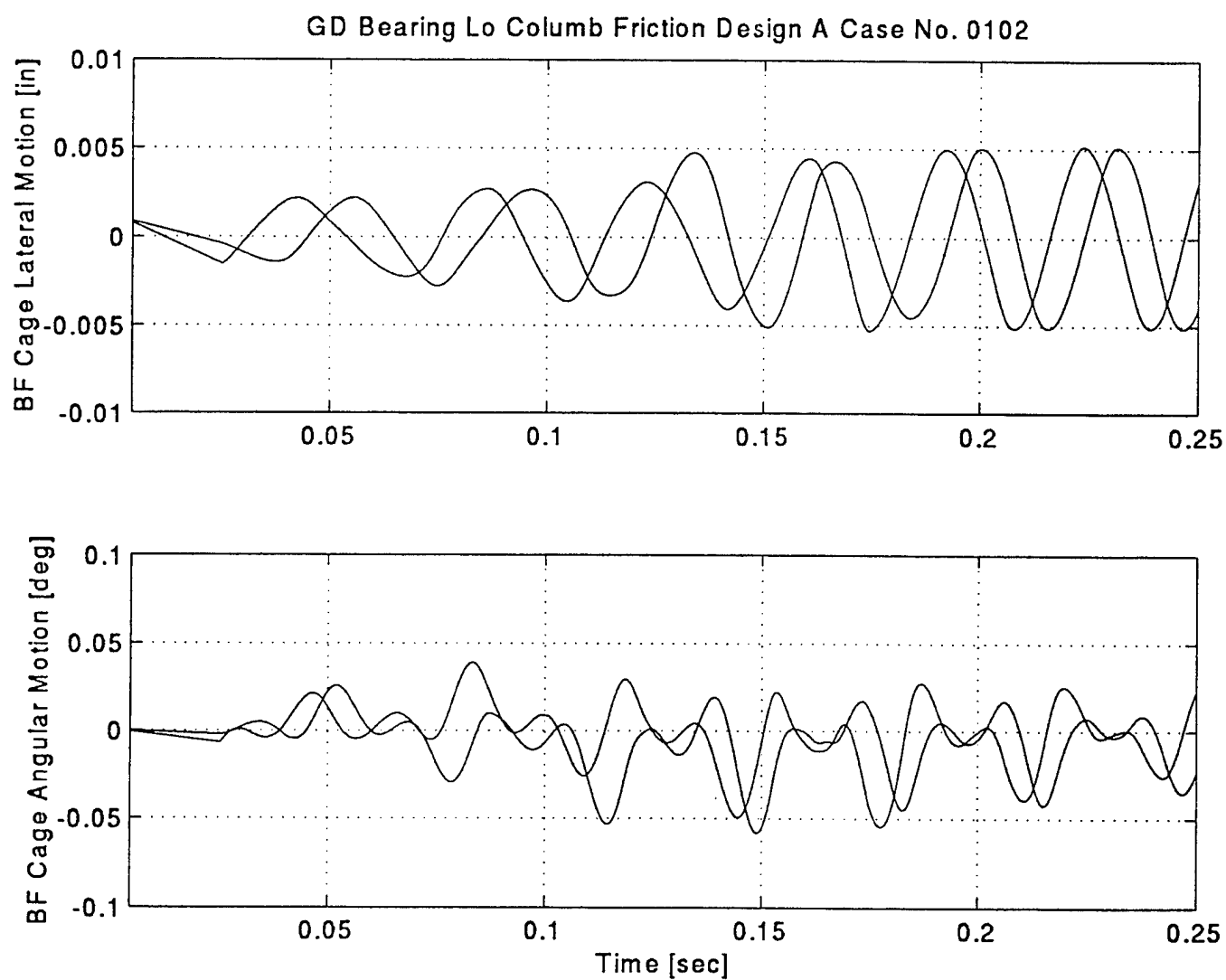


Fig 3 Design "A" Low Friction Plots, Case 0102, Motions

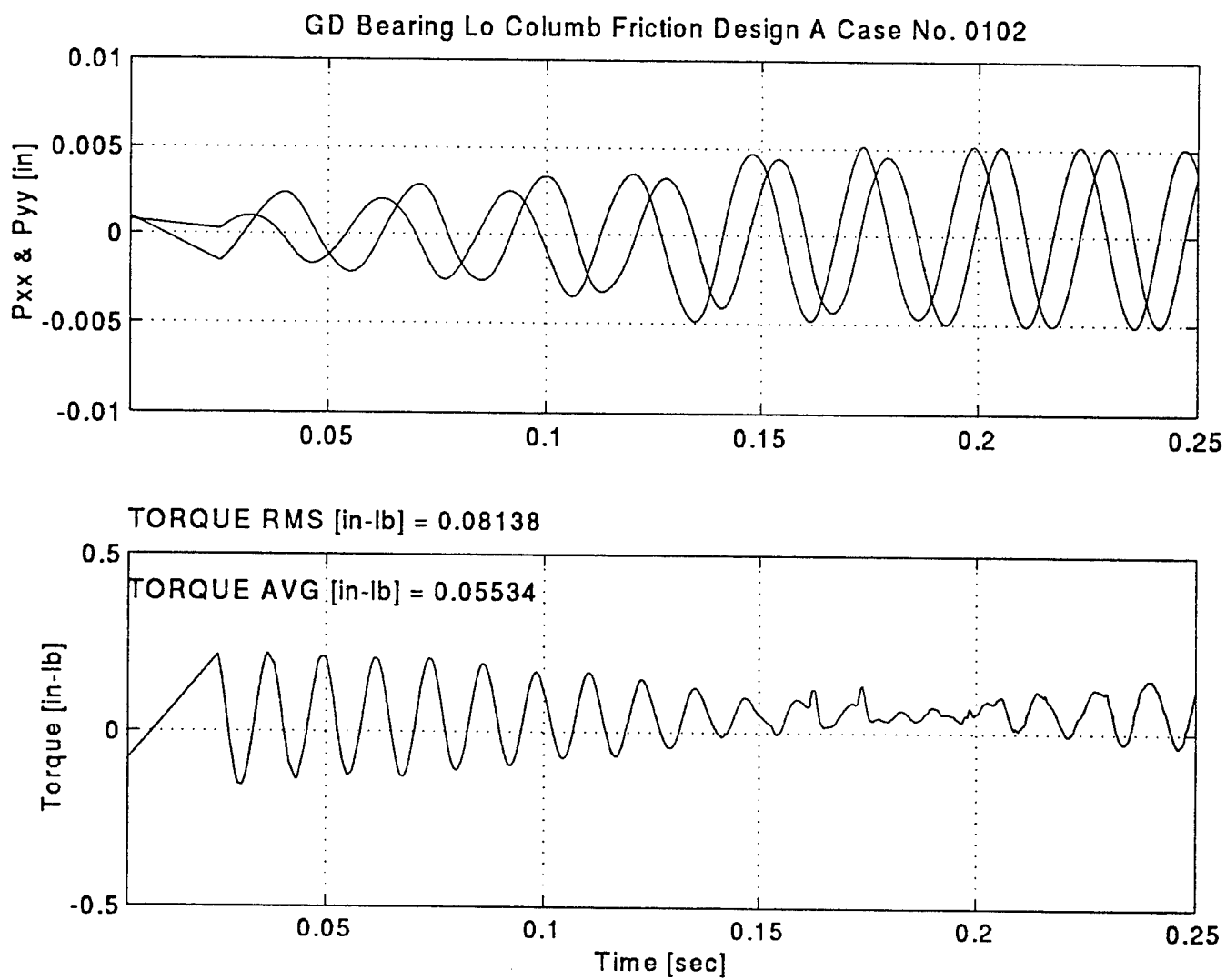


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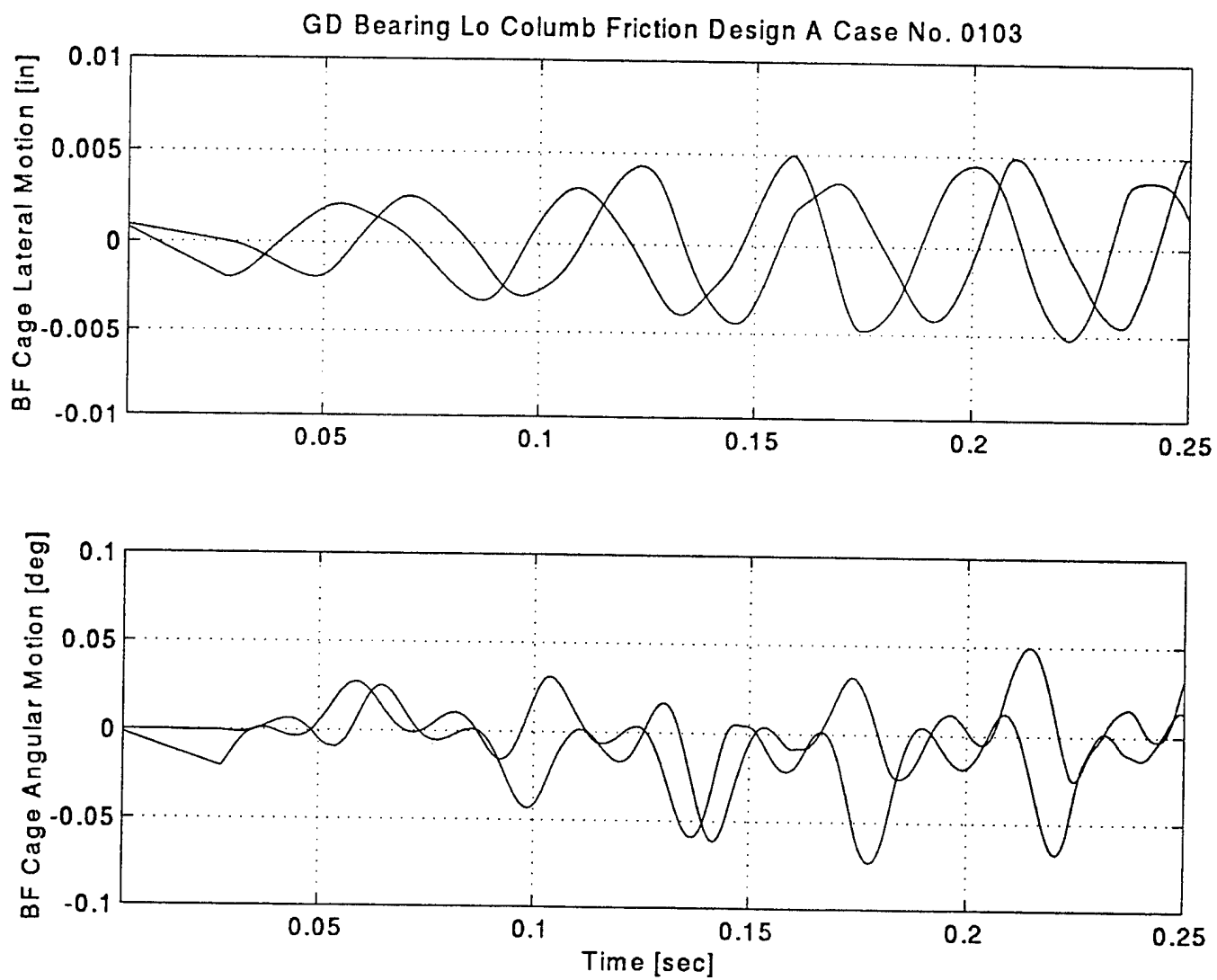


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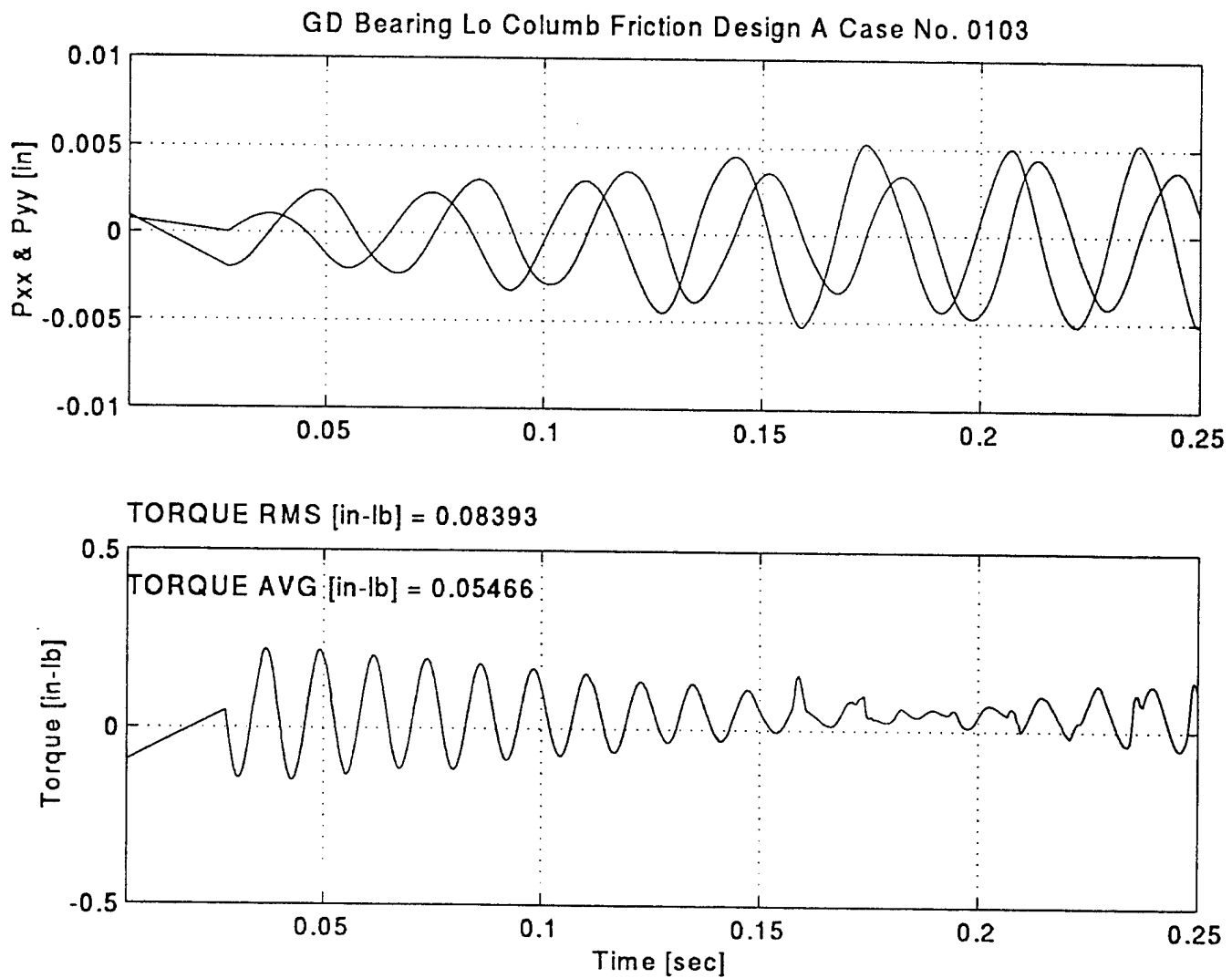


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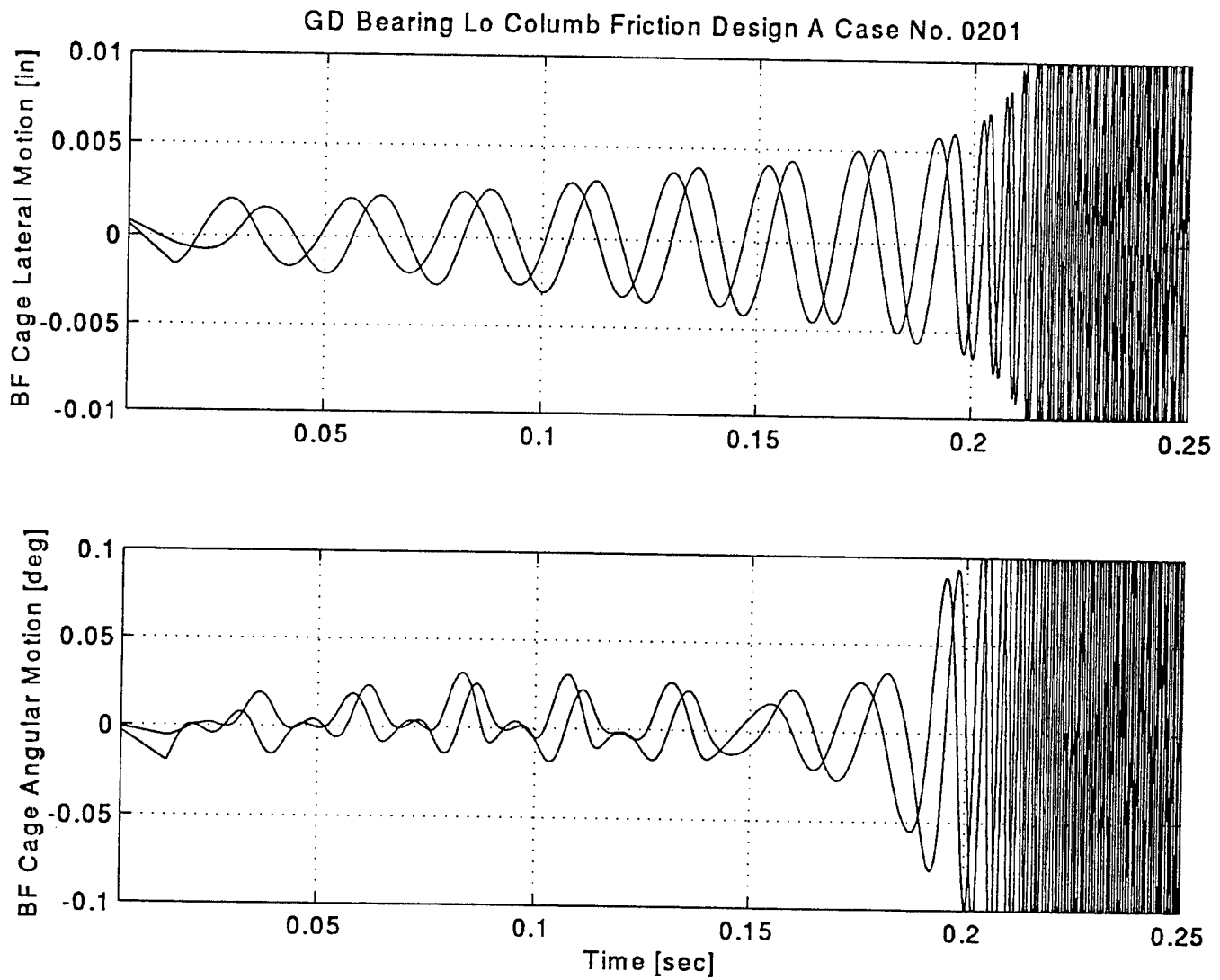


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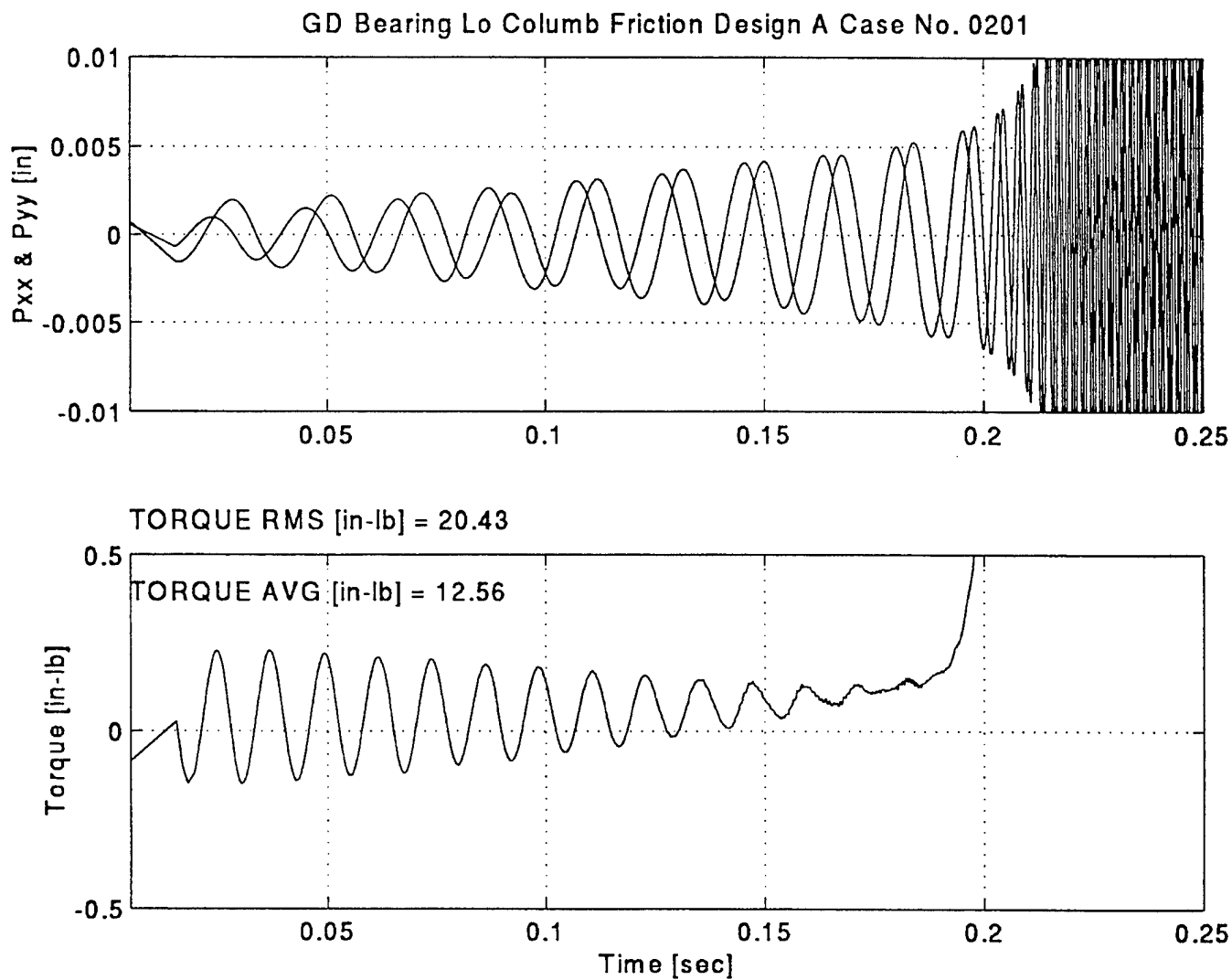


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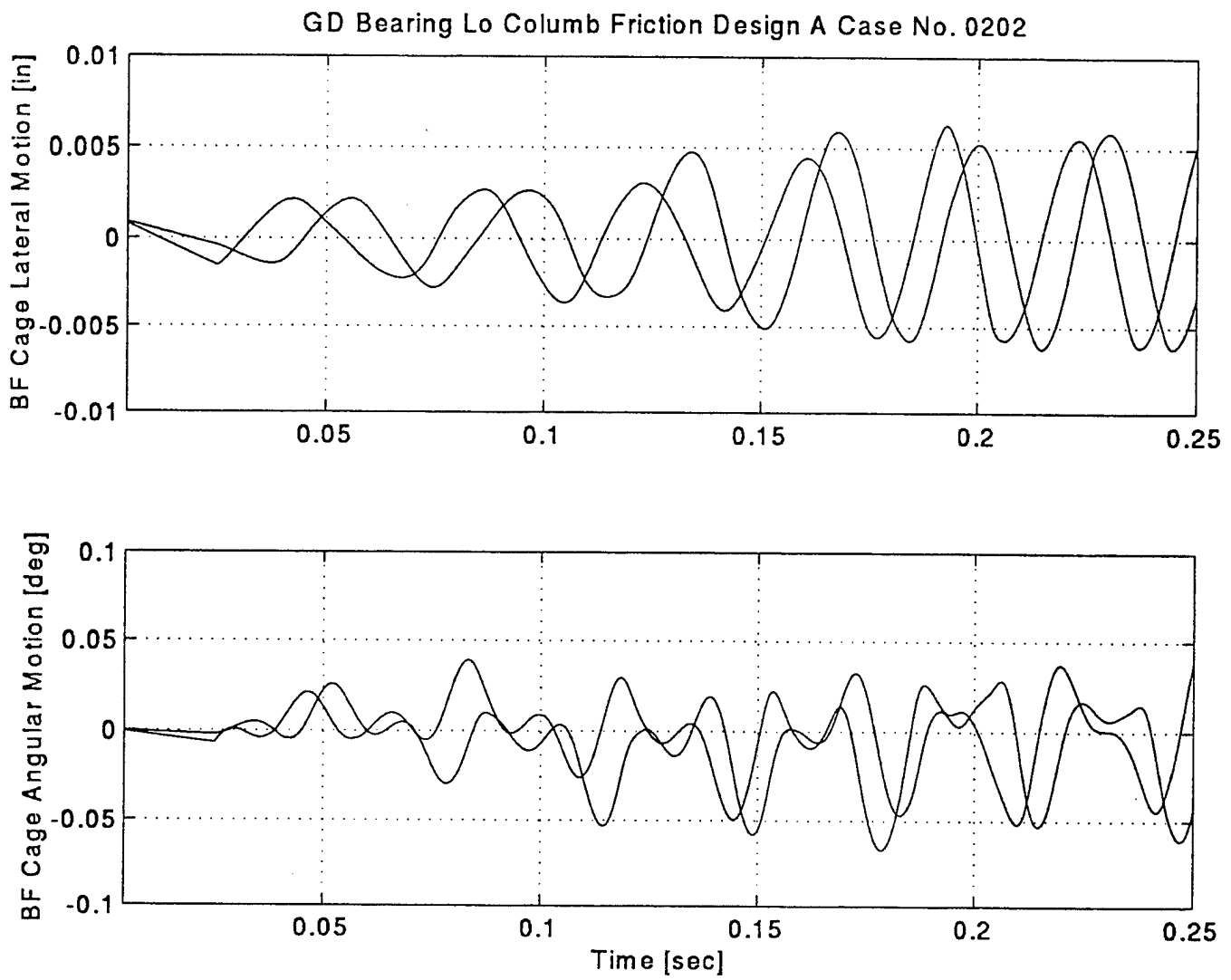


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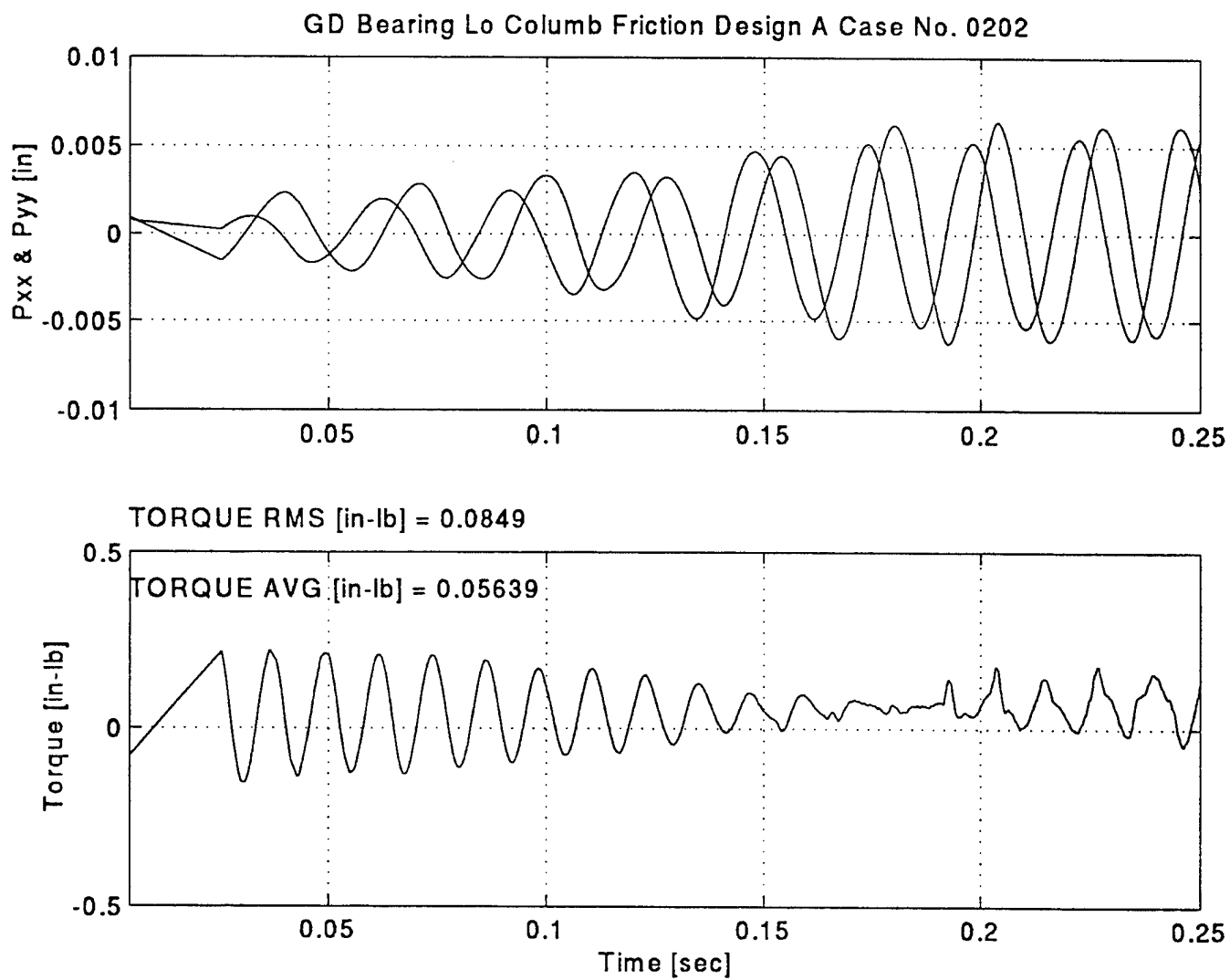


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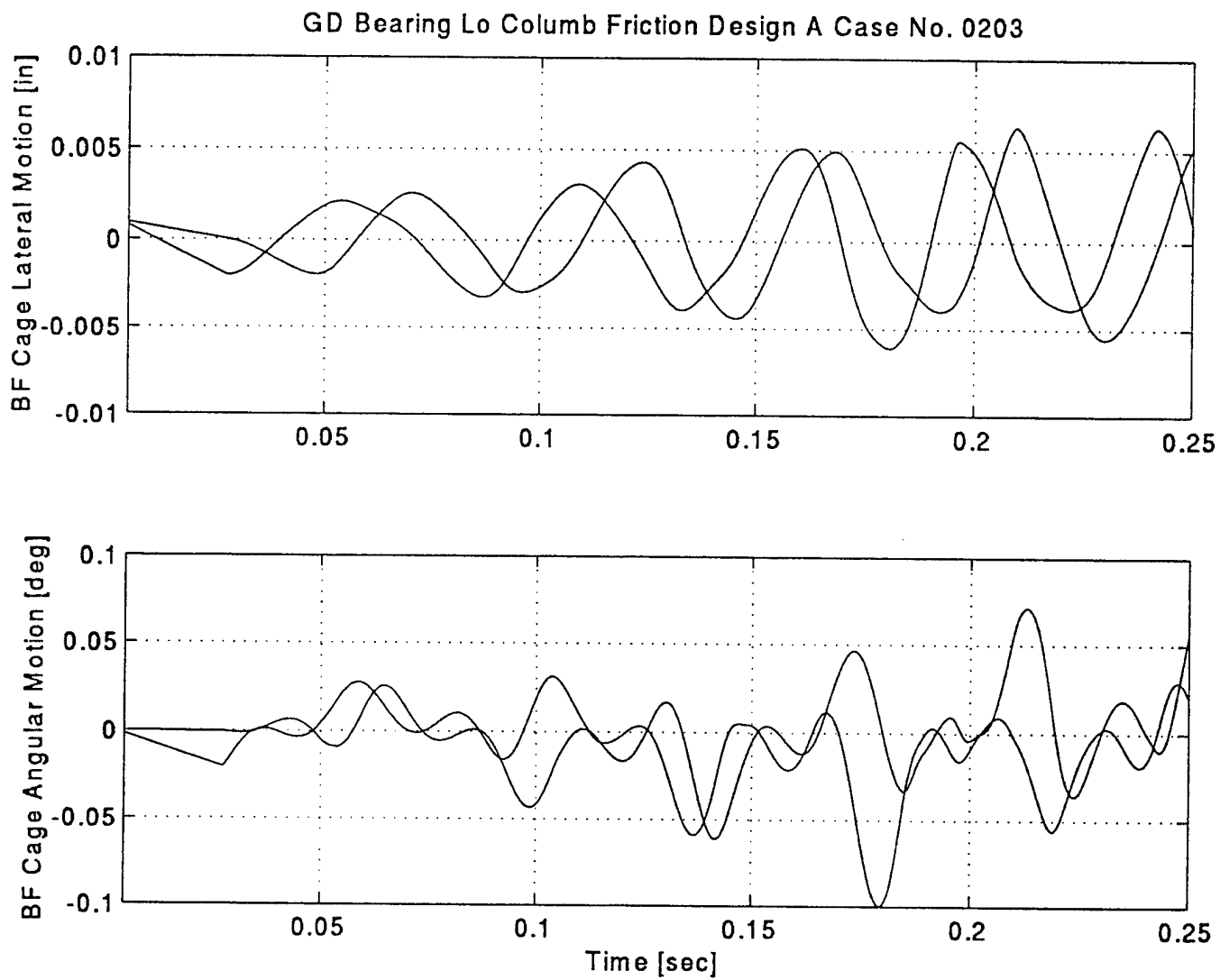


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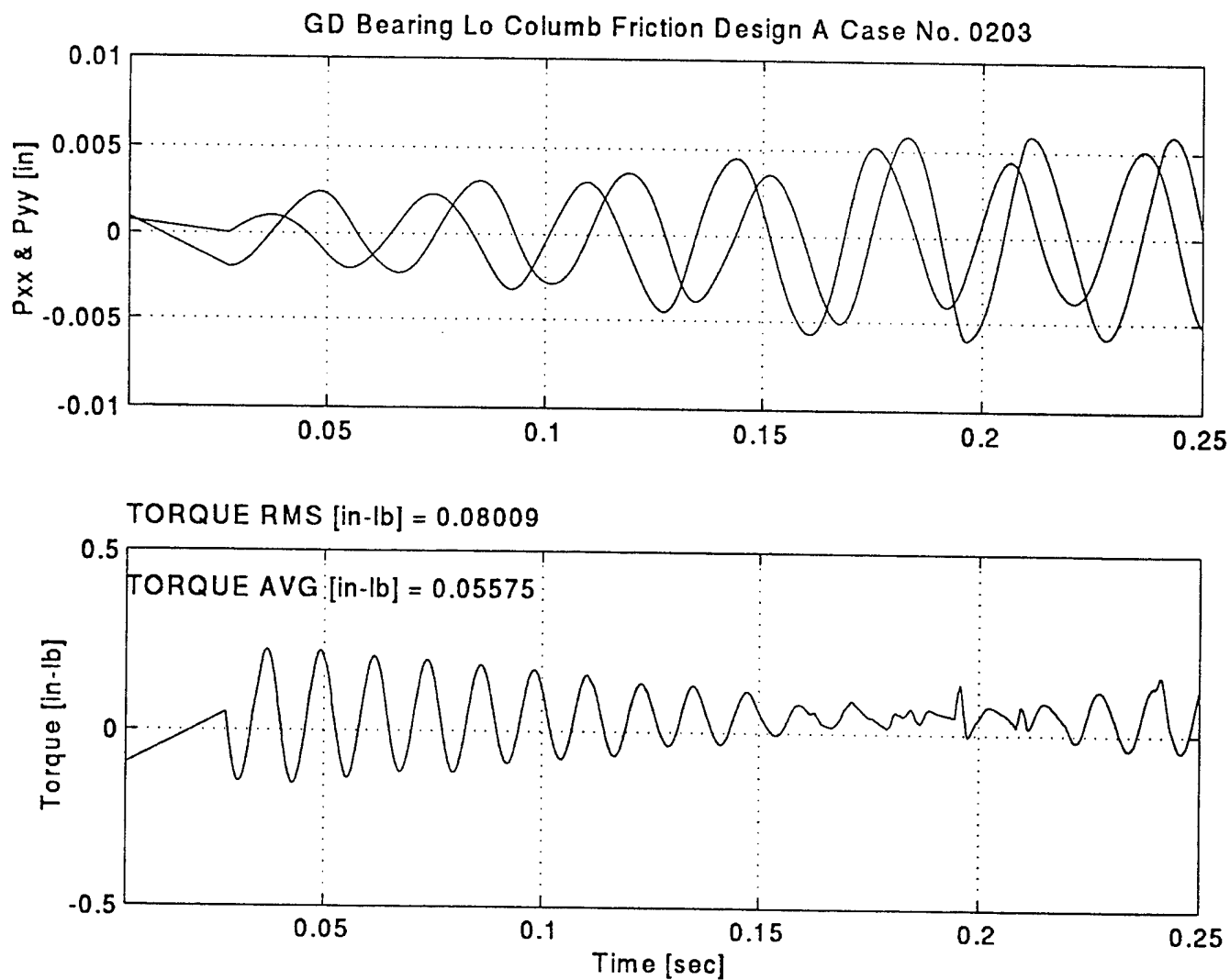


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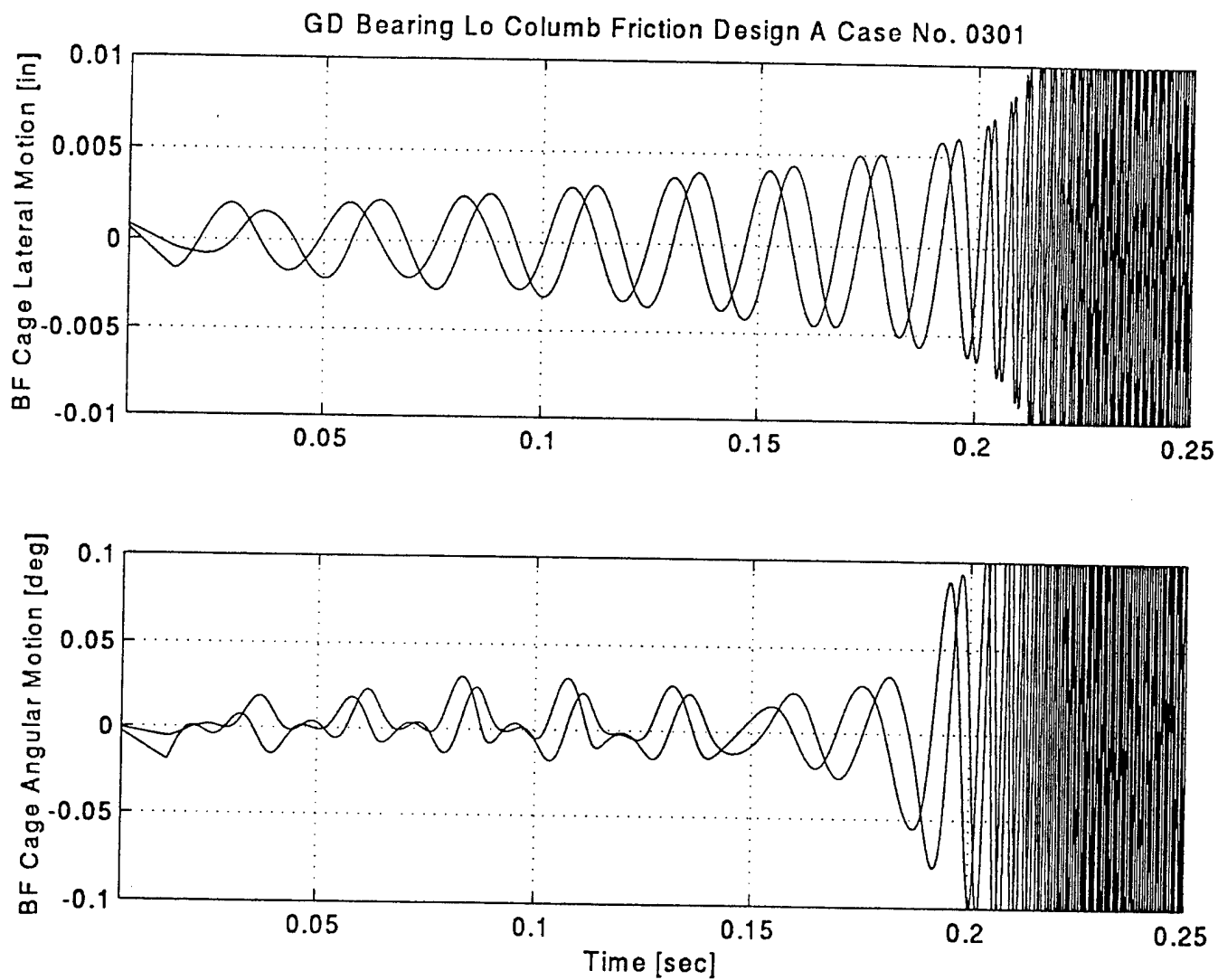


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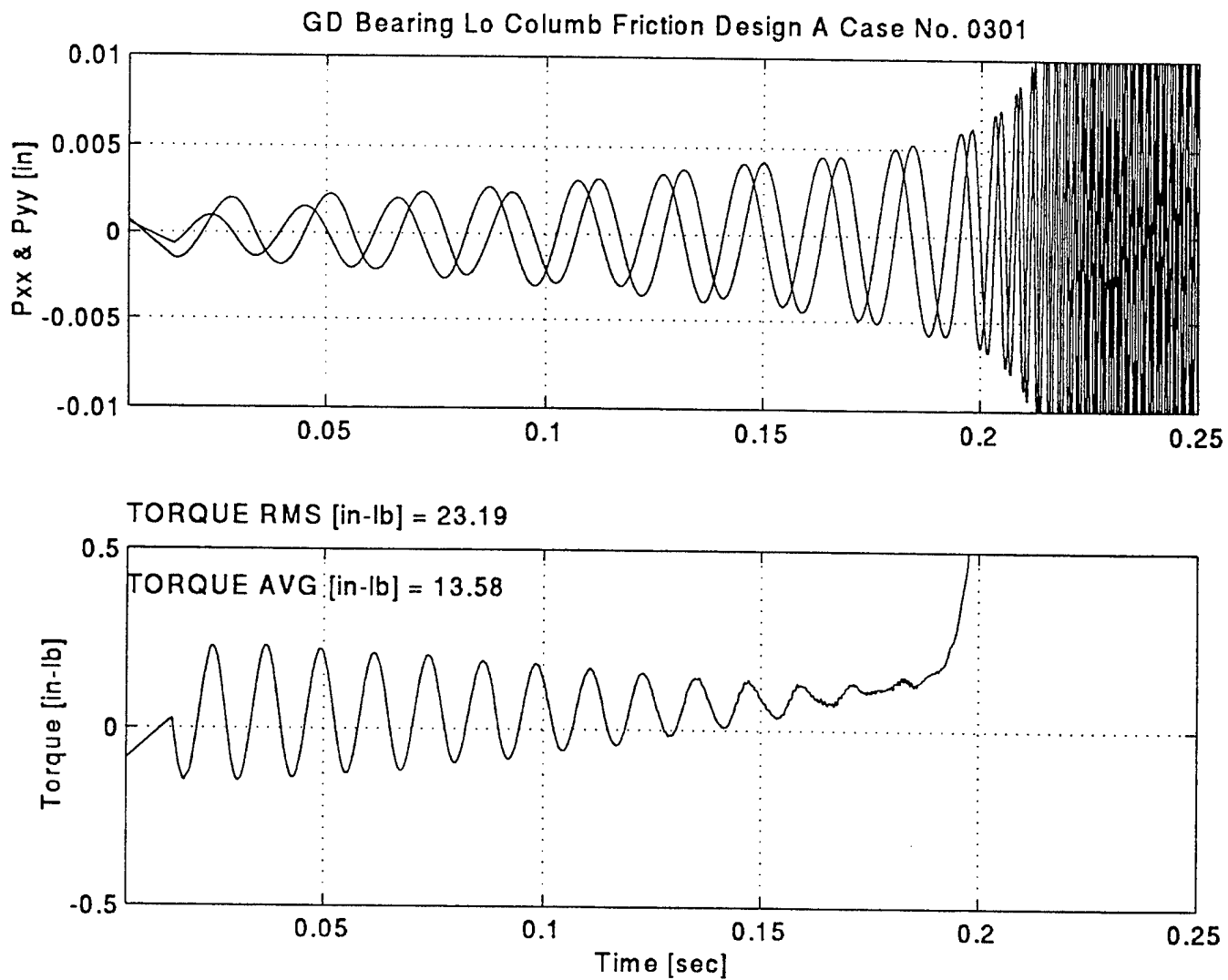


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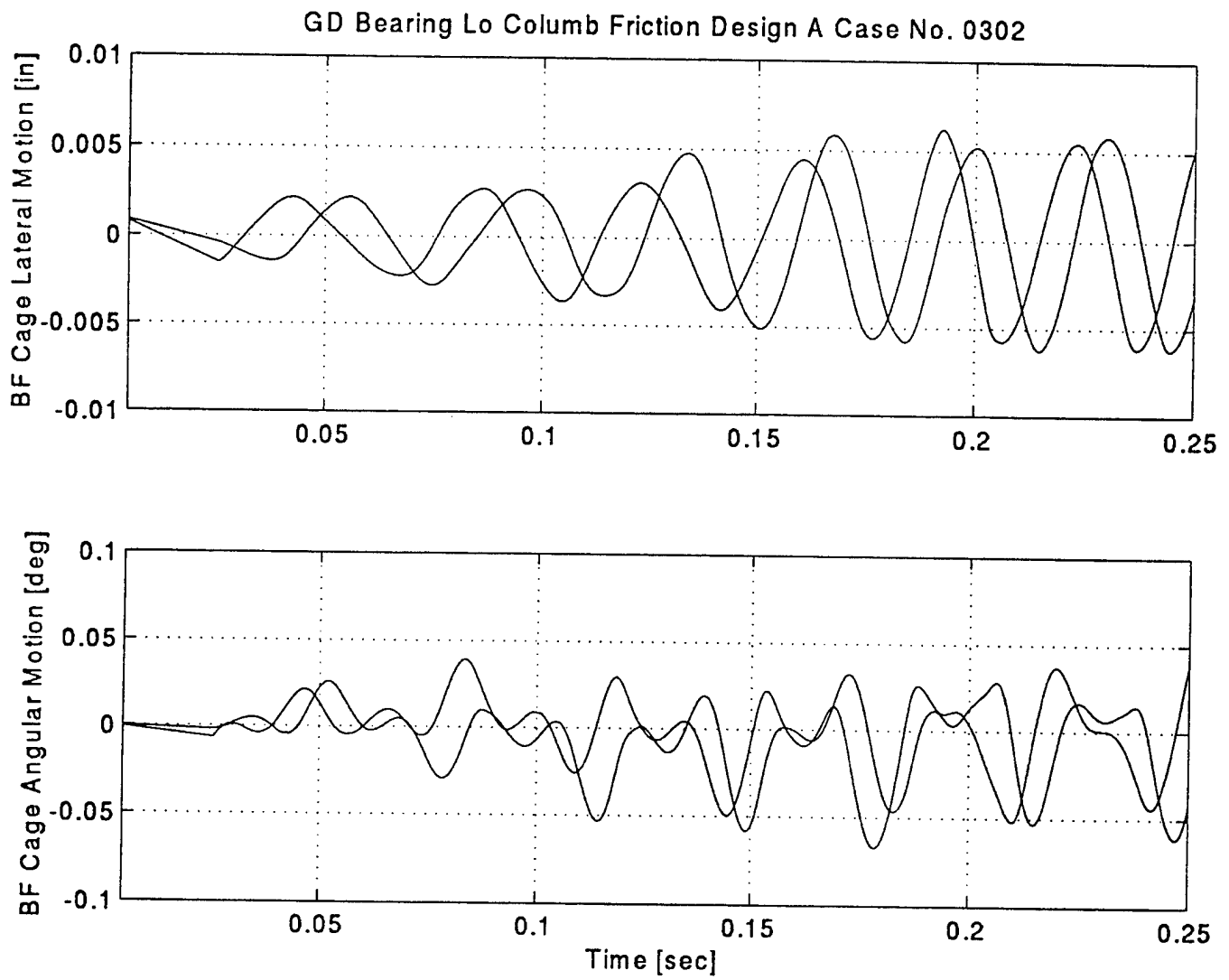


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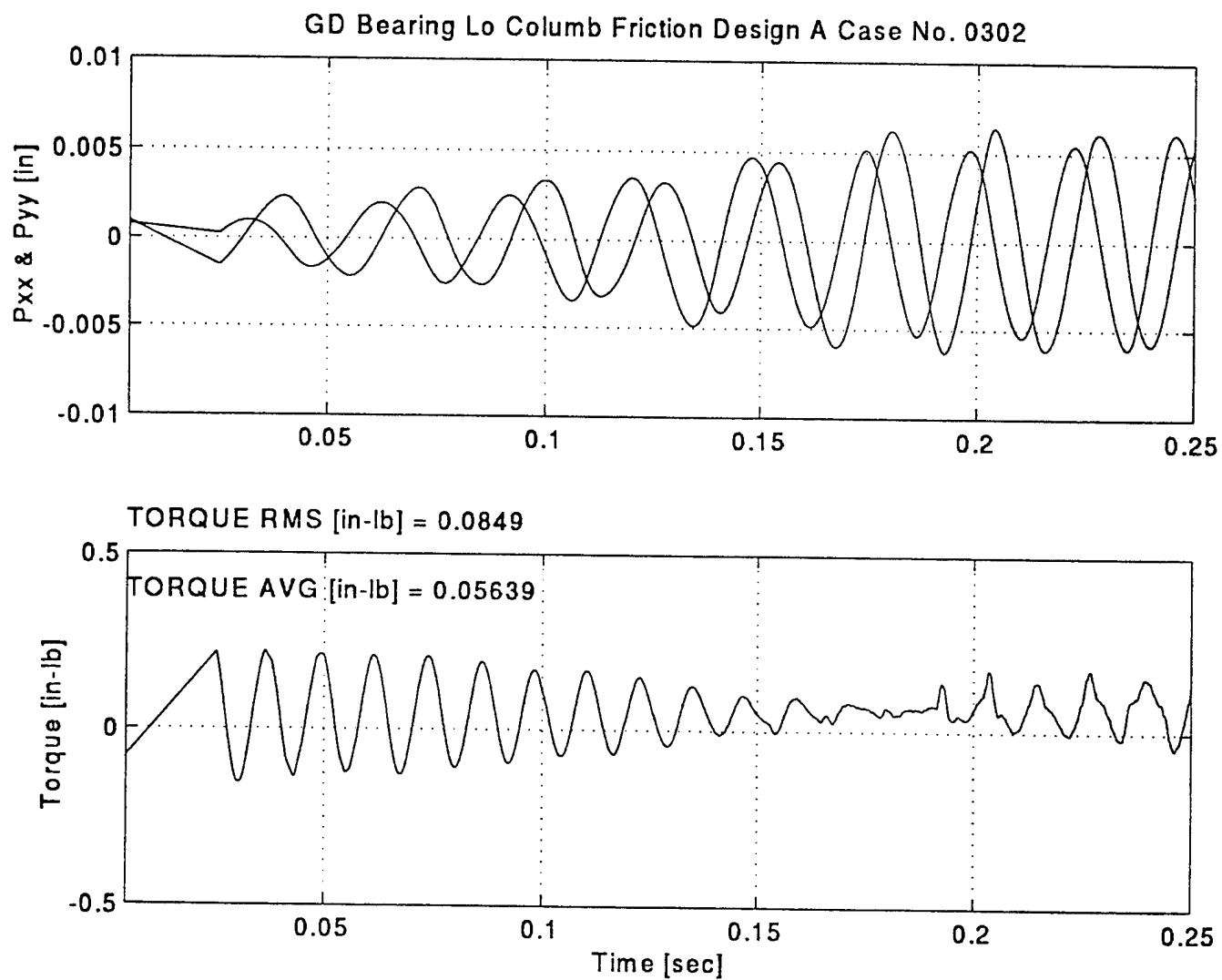


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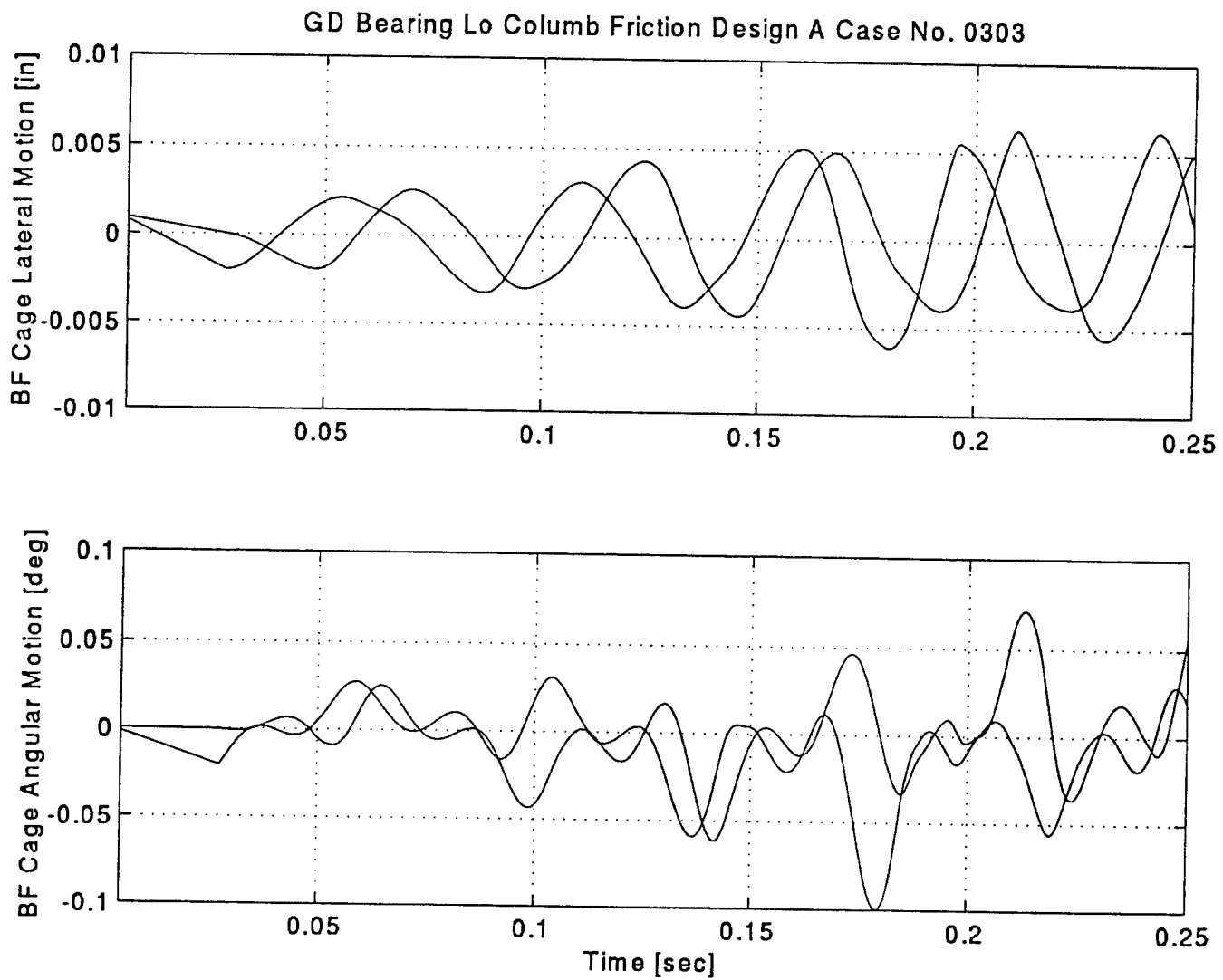


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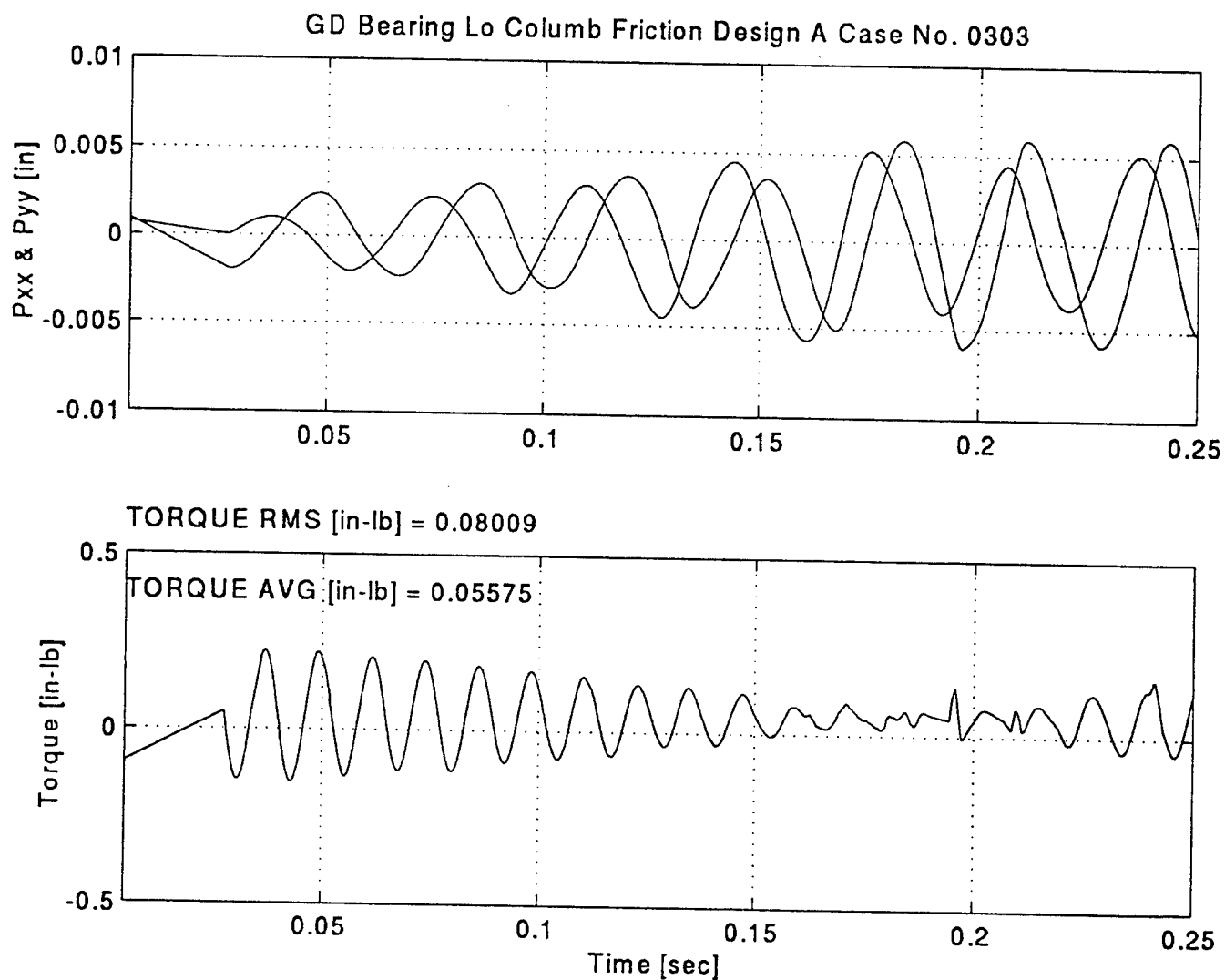


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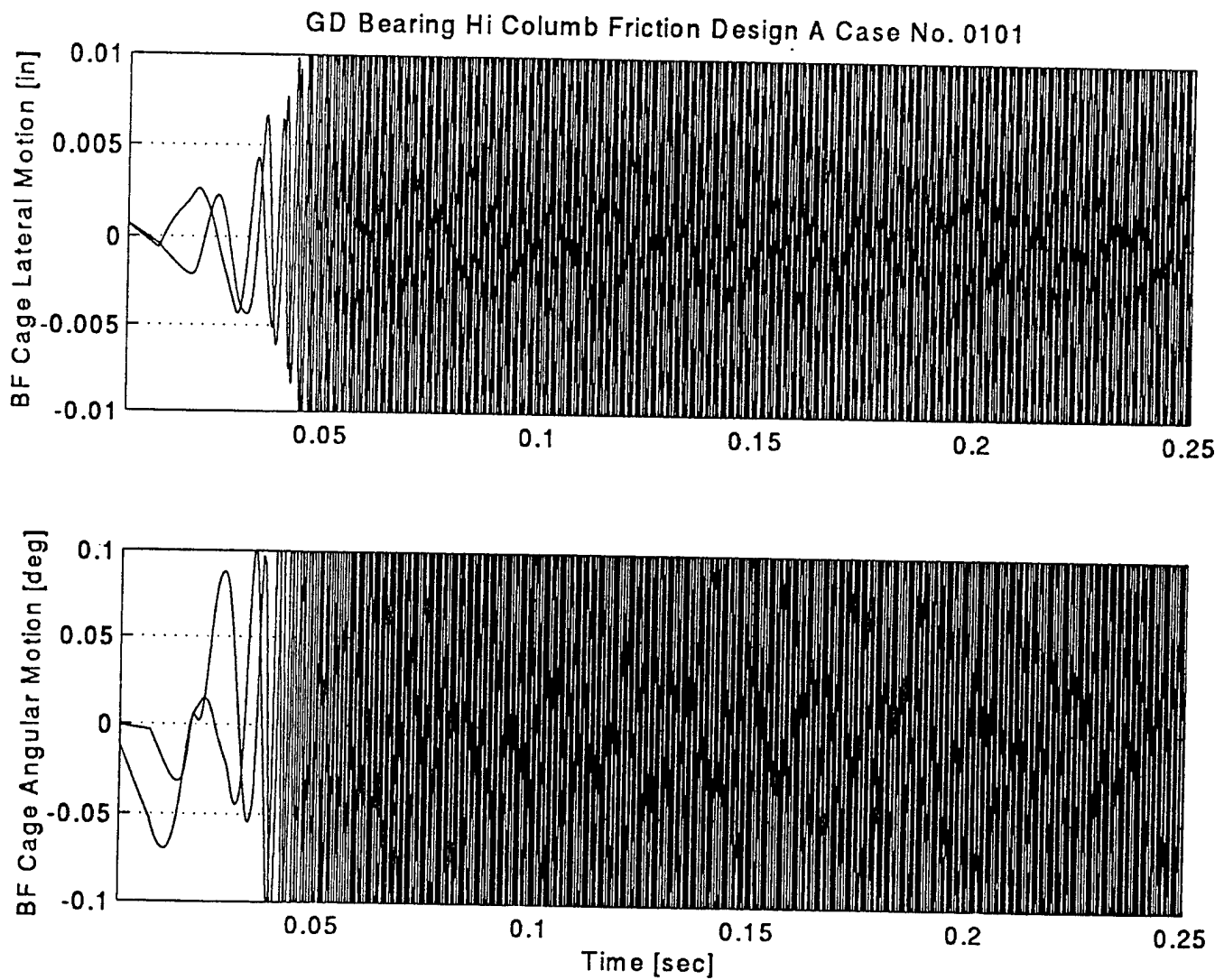


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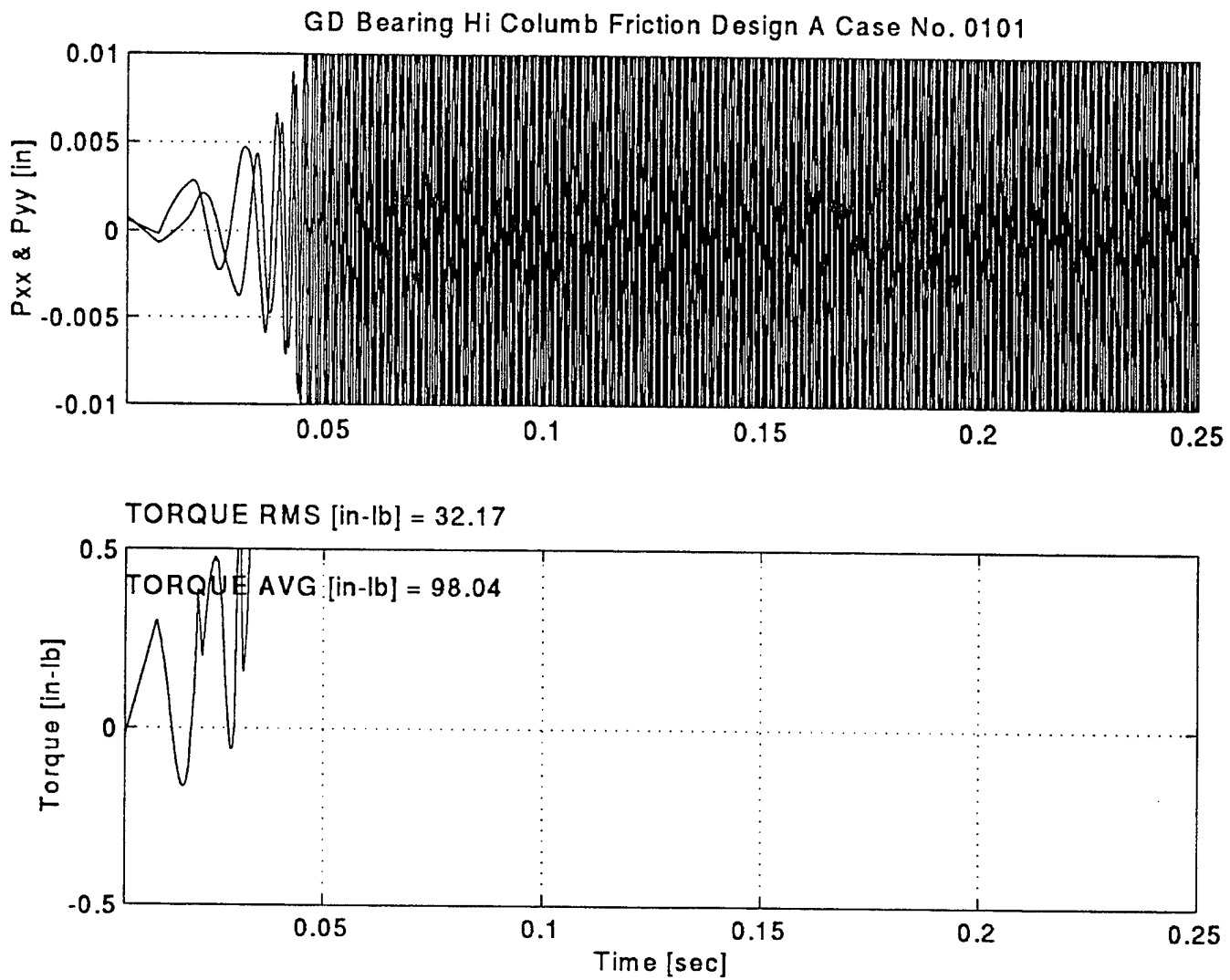


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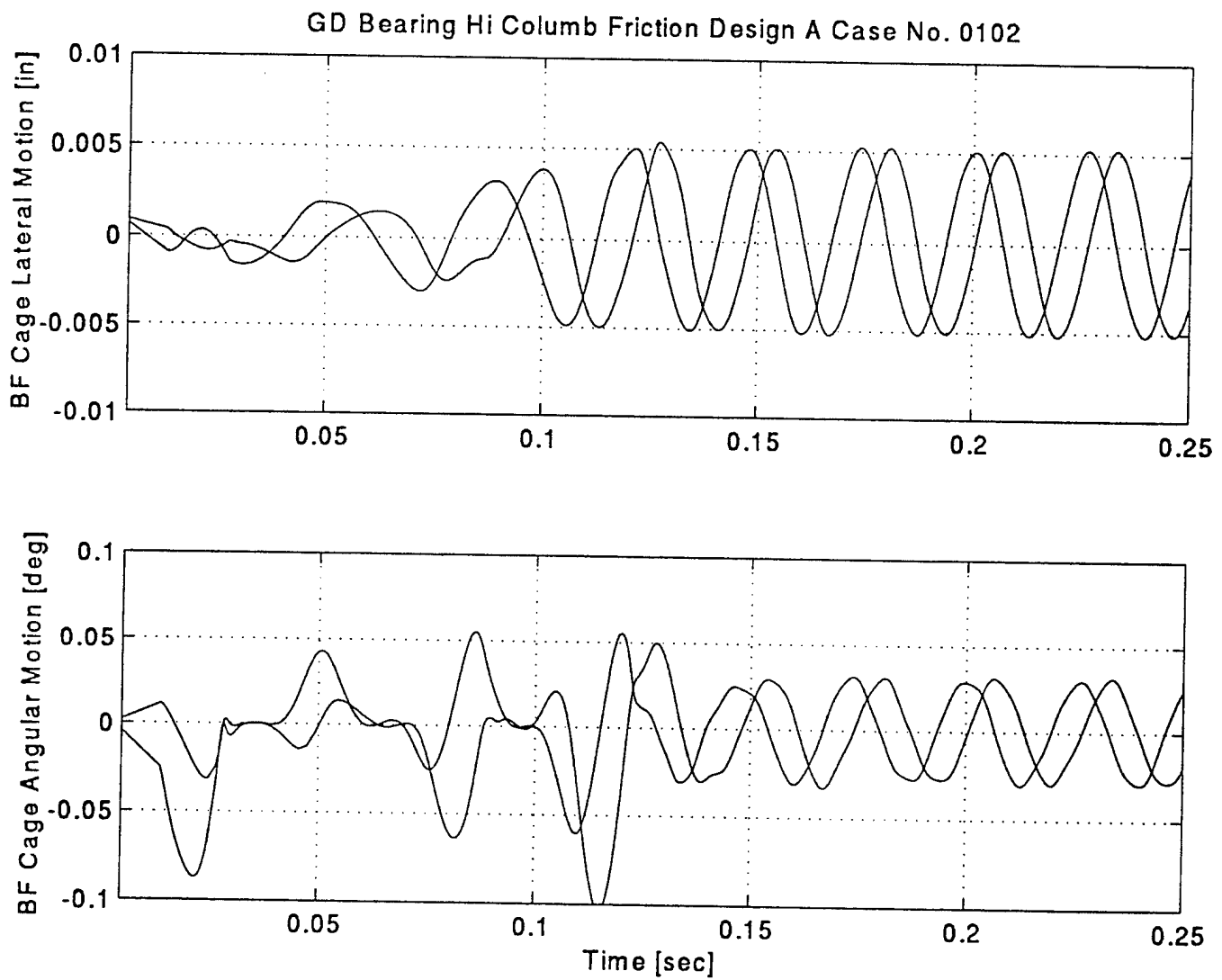


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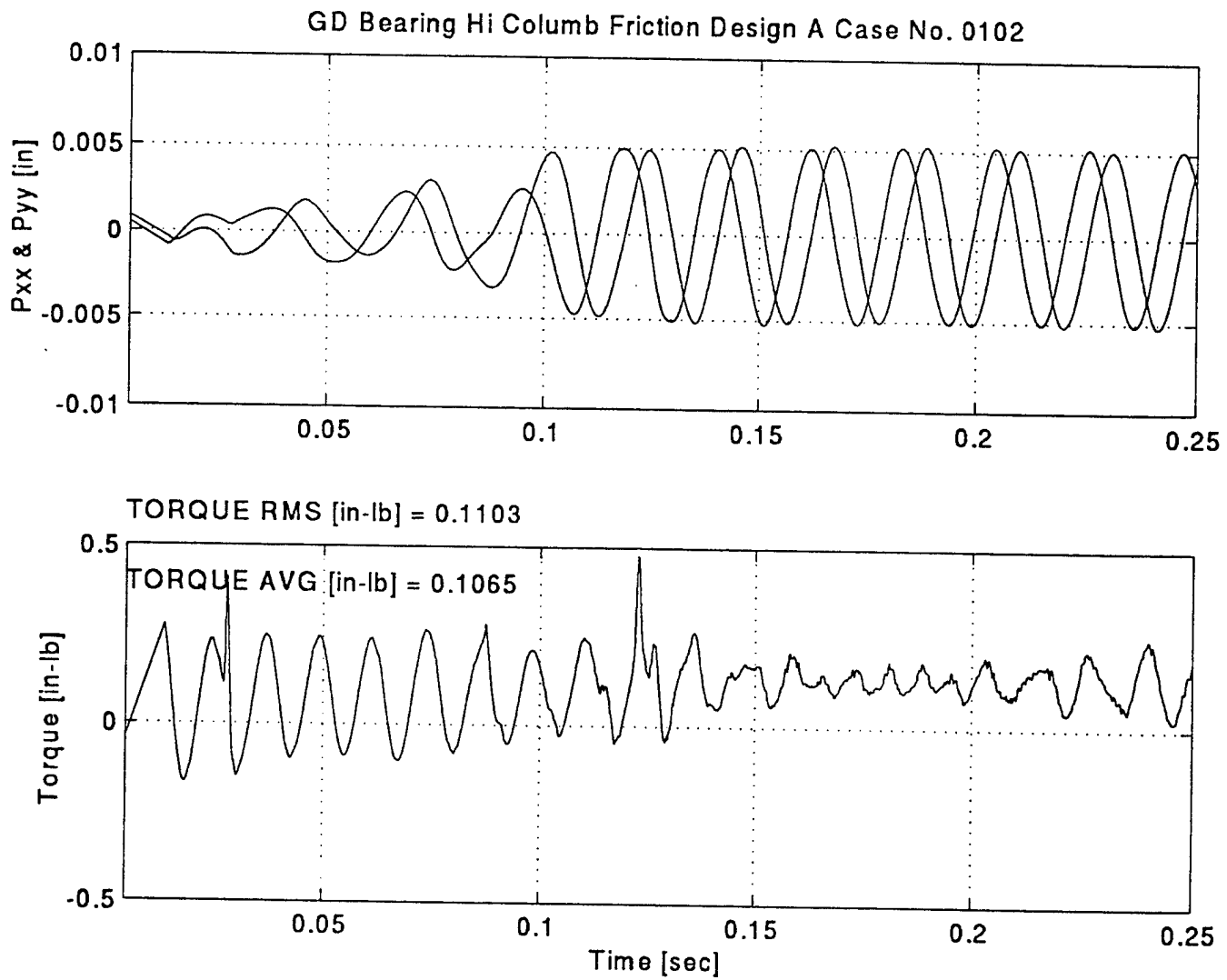


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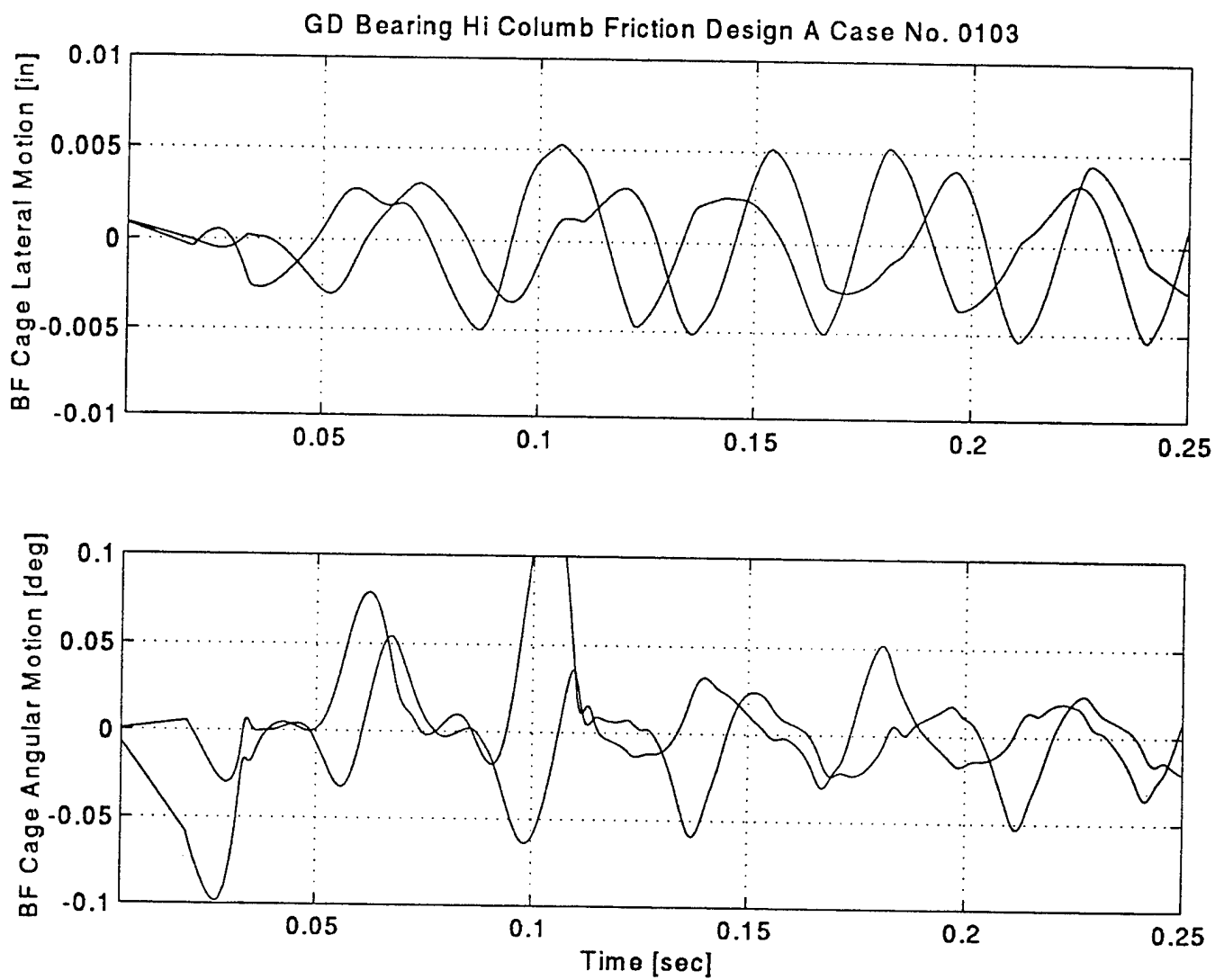


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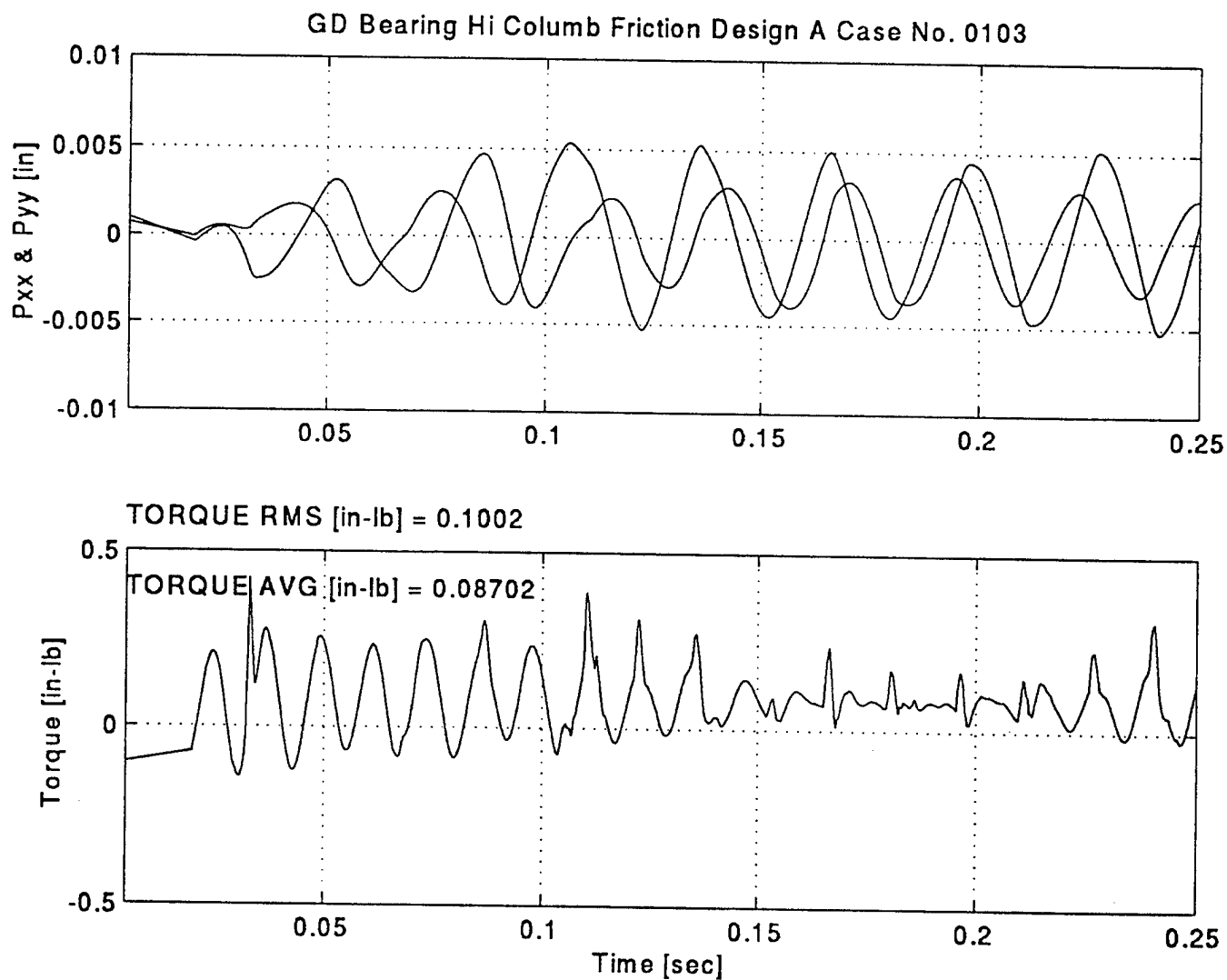


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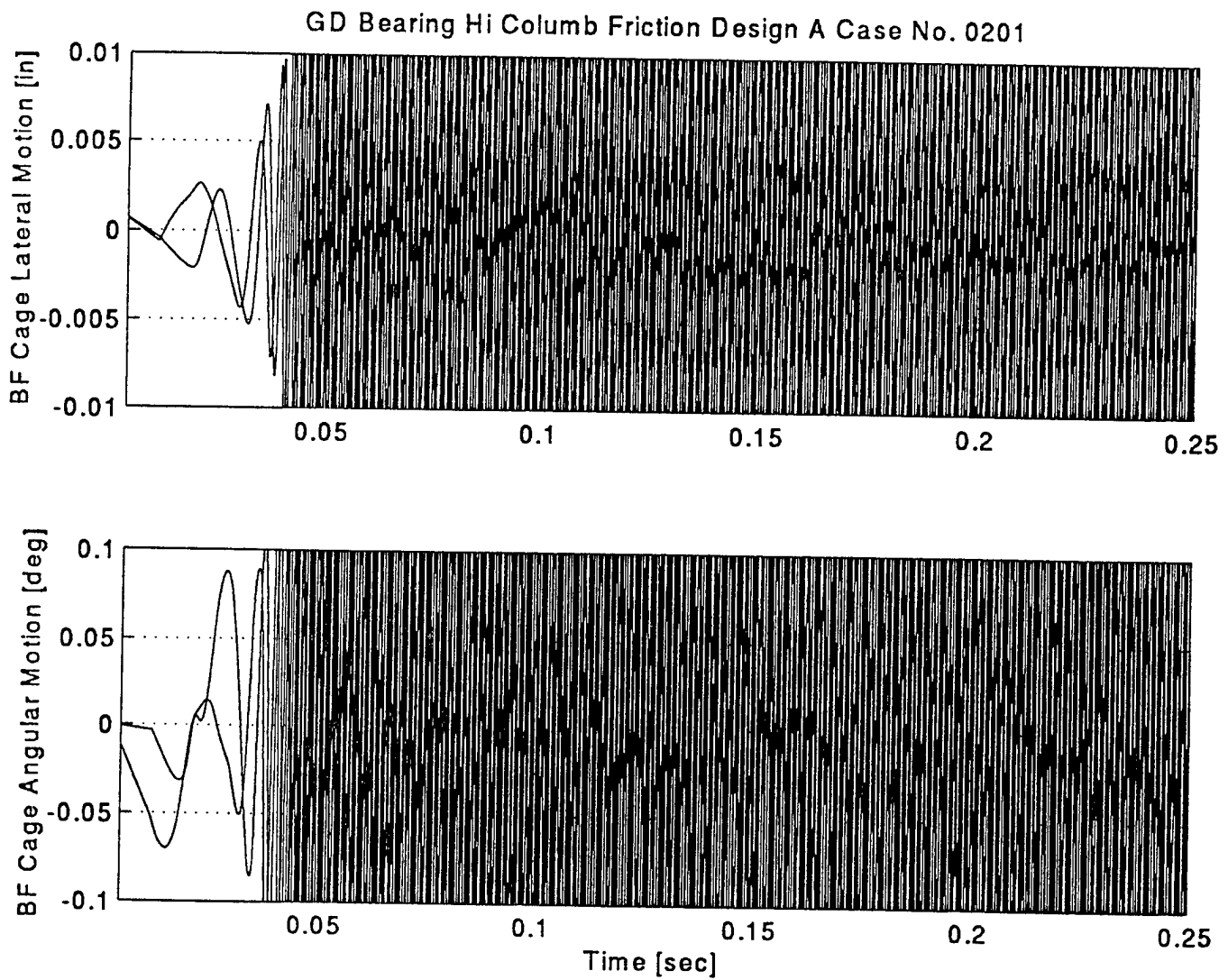


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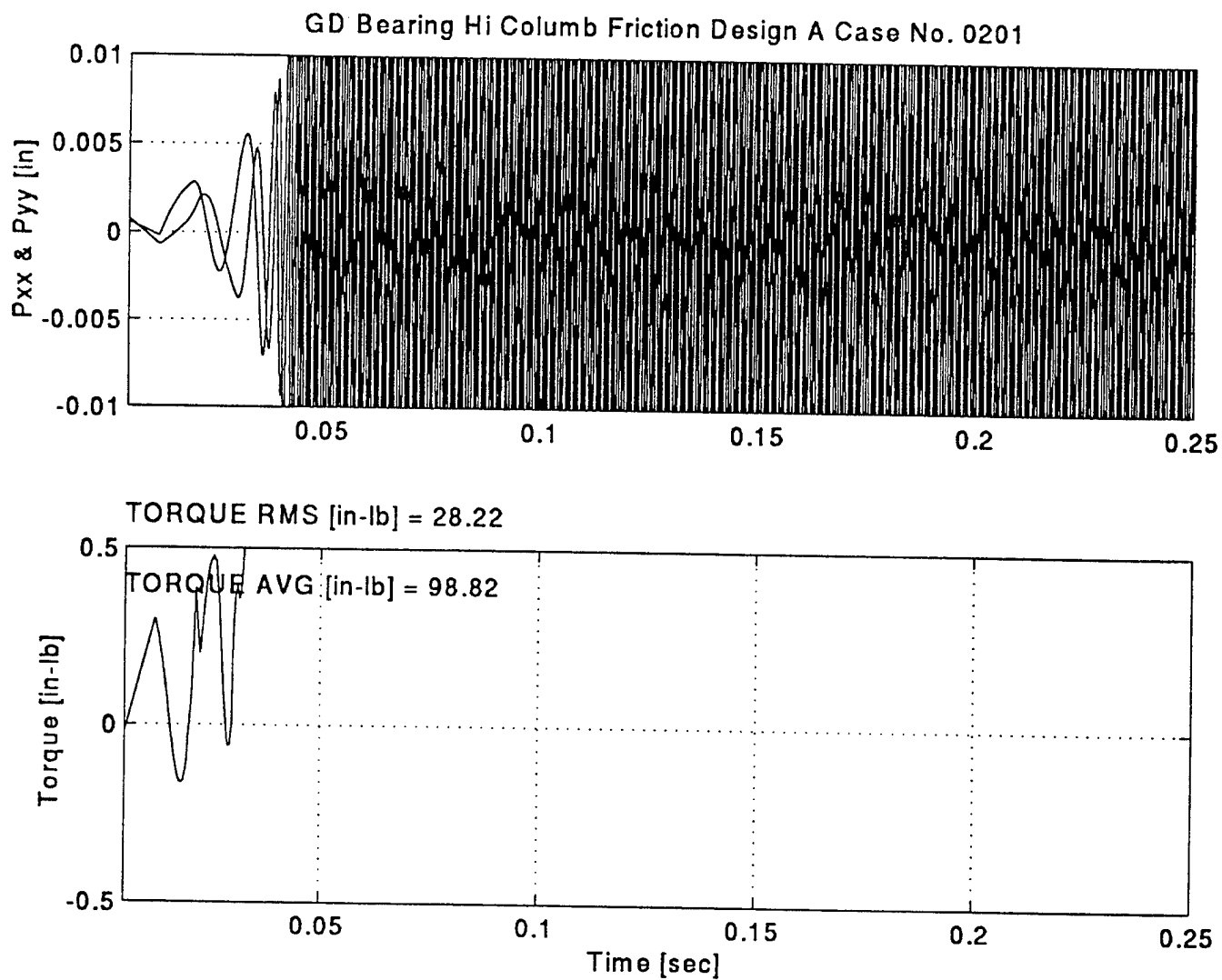


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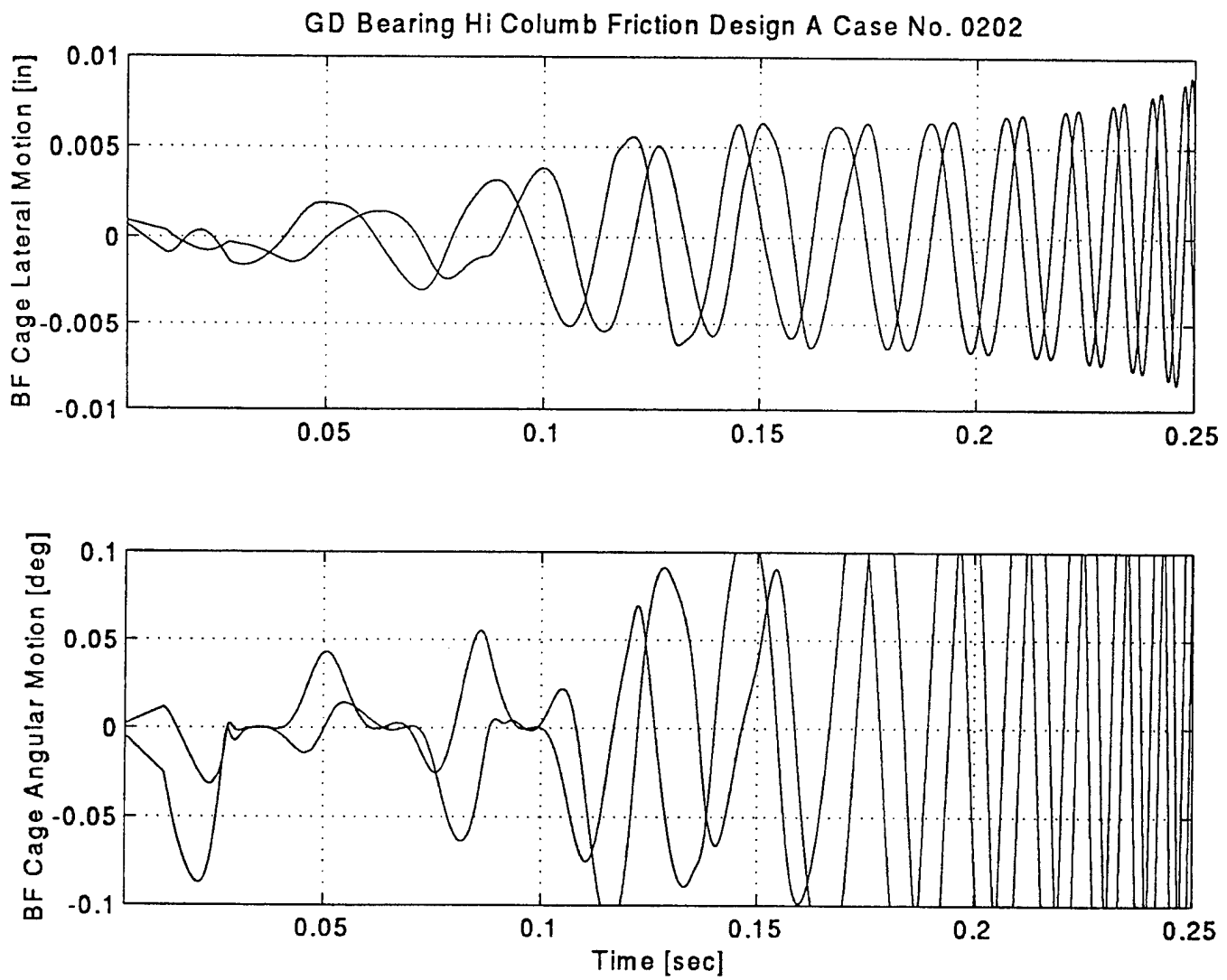


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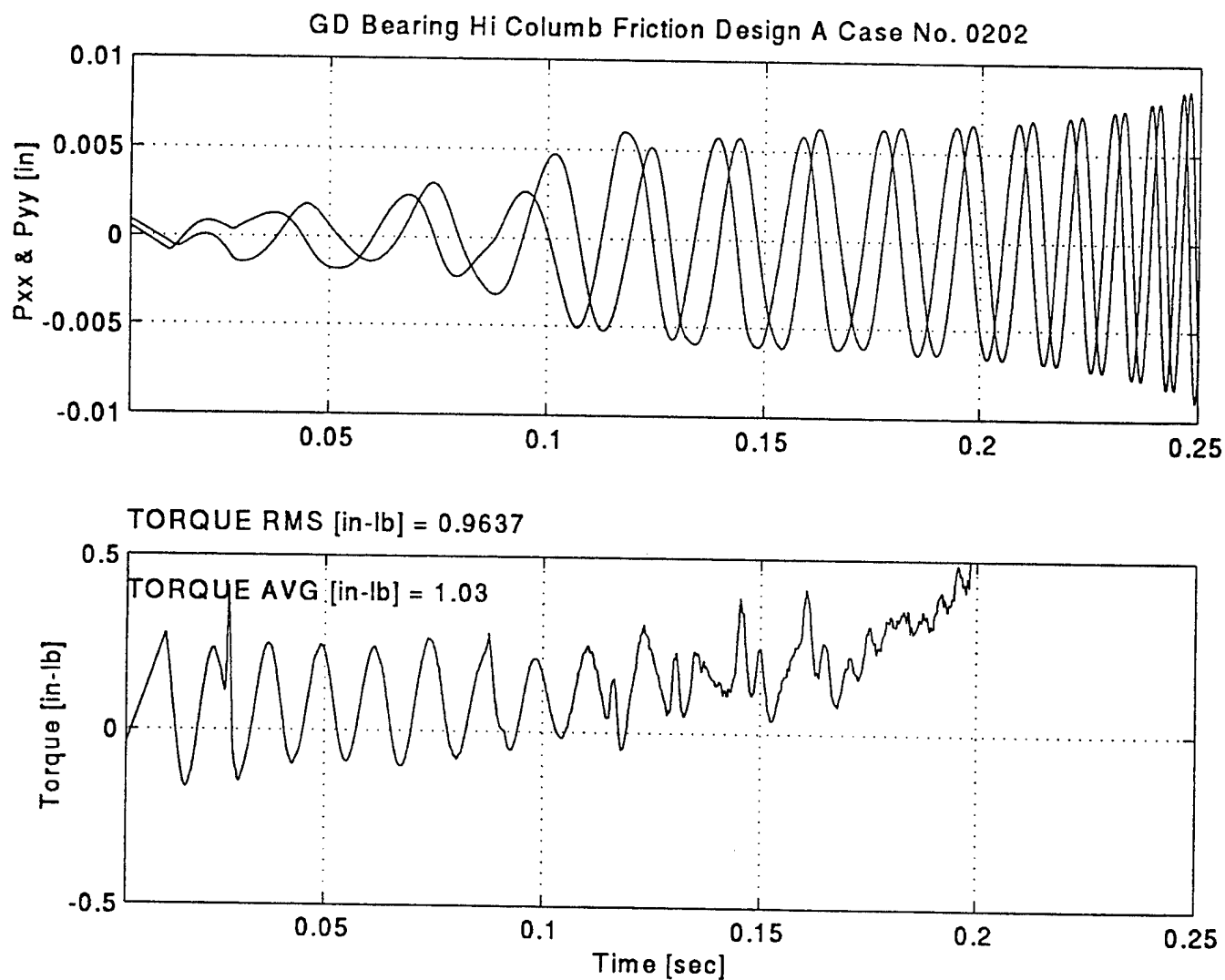


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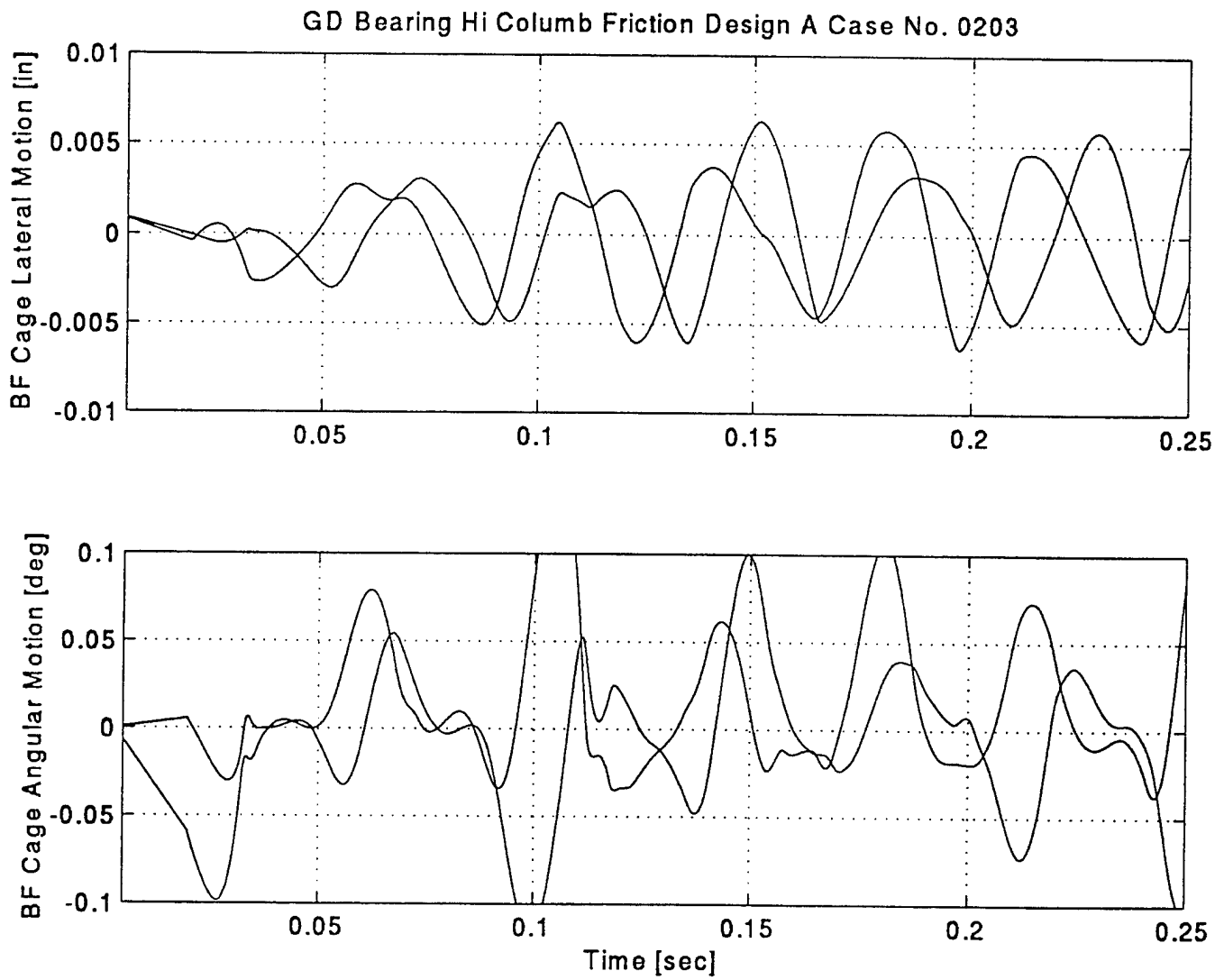


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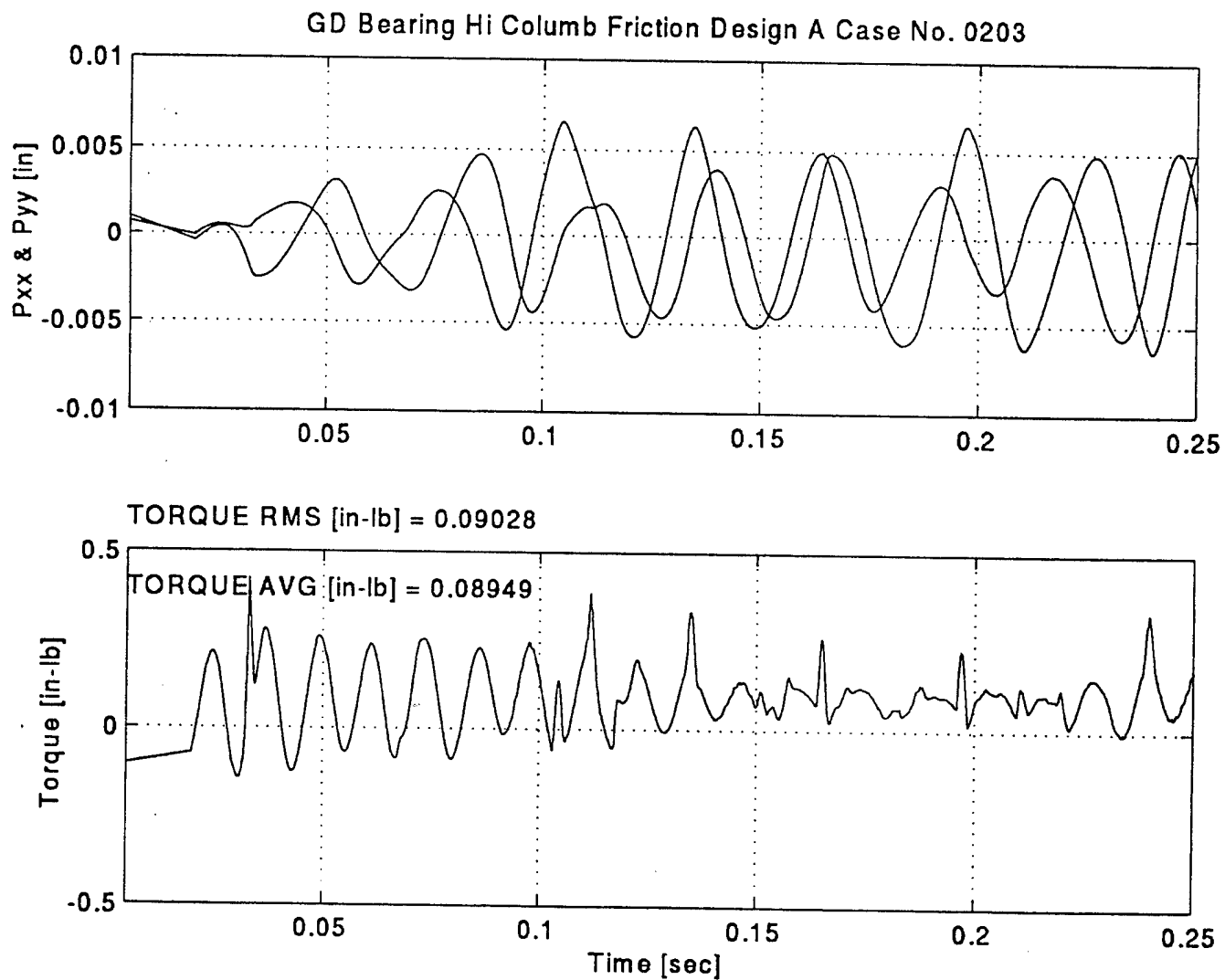


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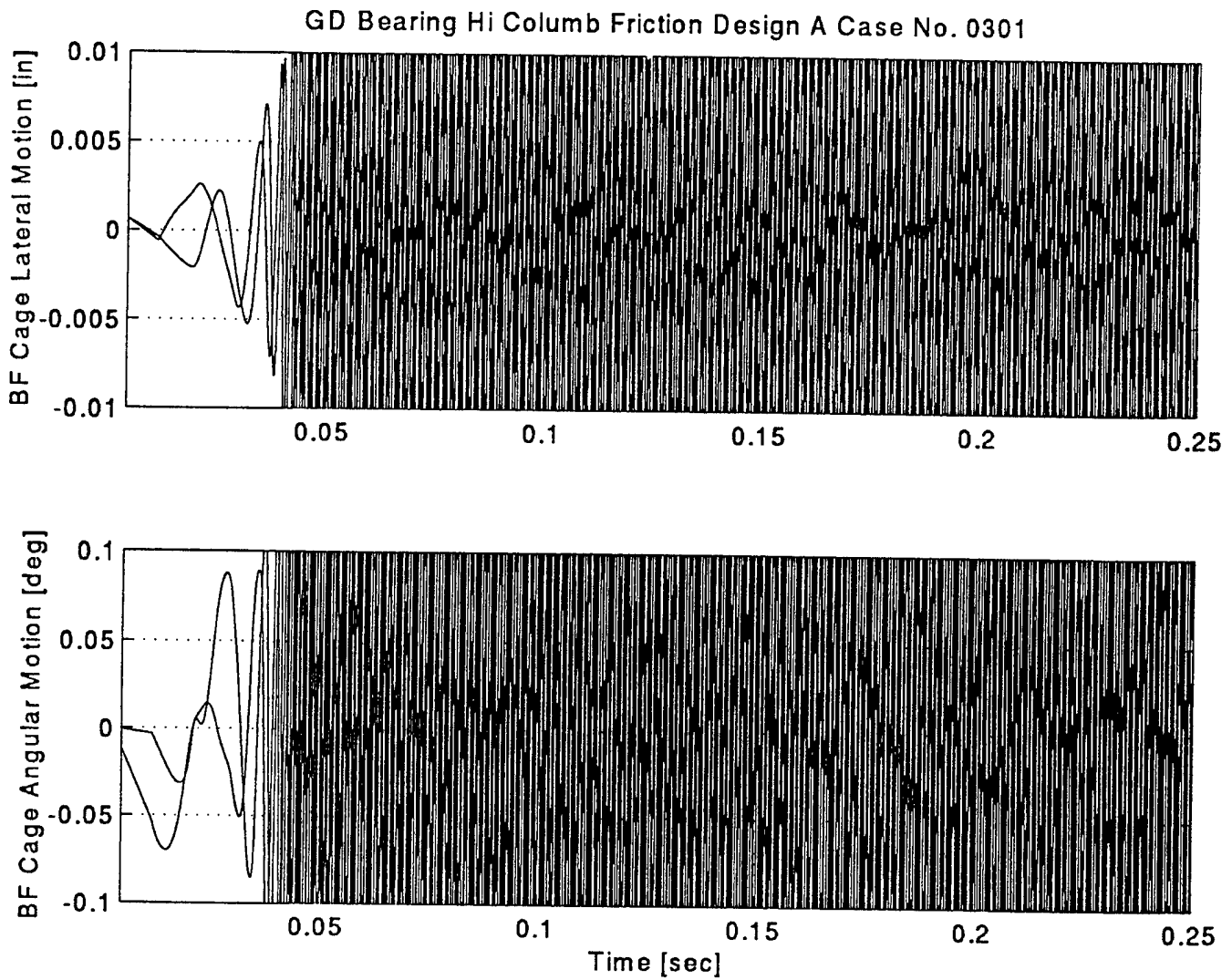


Fig 31 Design "A" High Friction Plots, Case 0301, Motions

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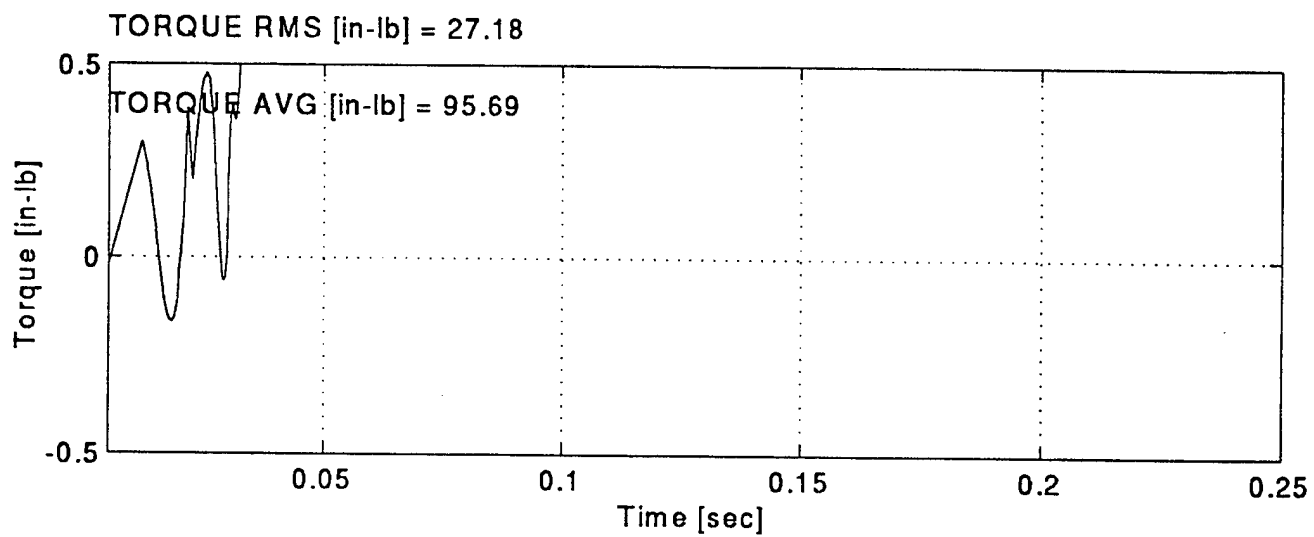
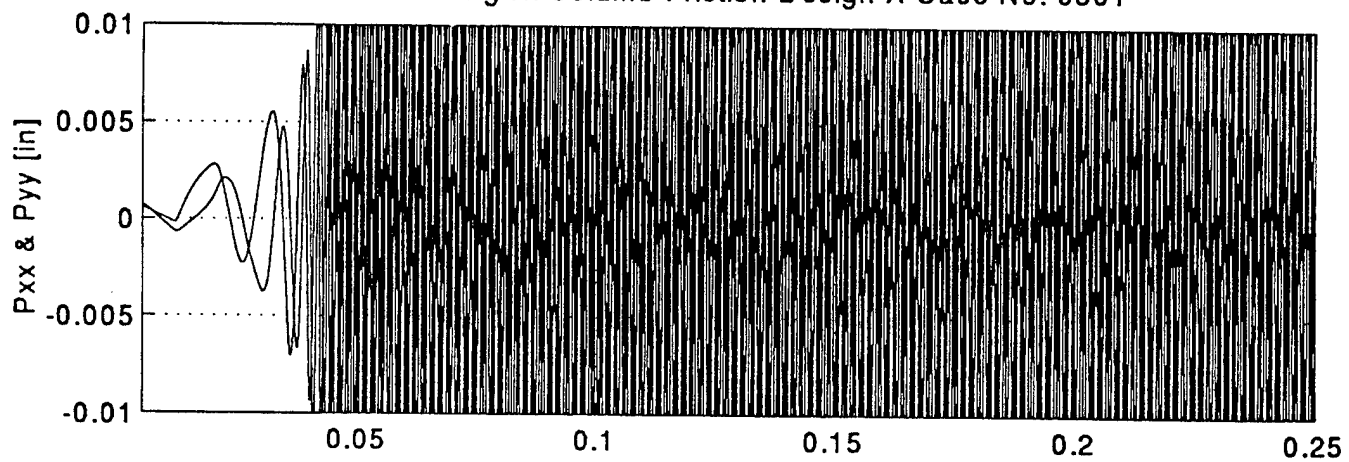


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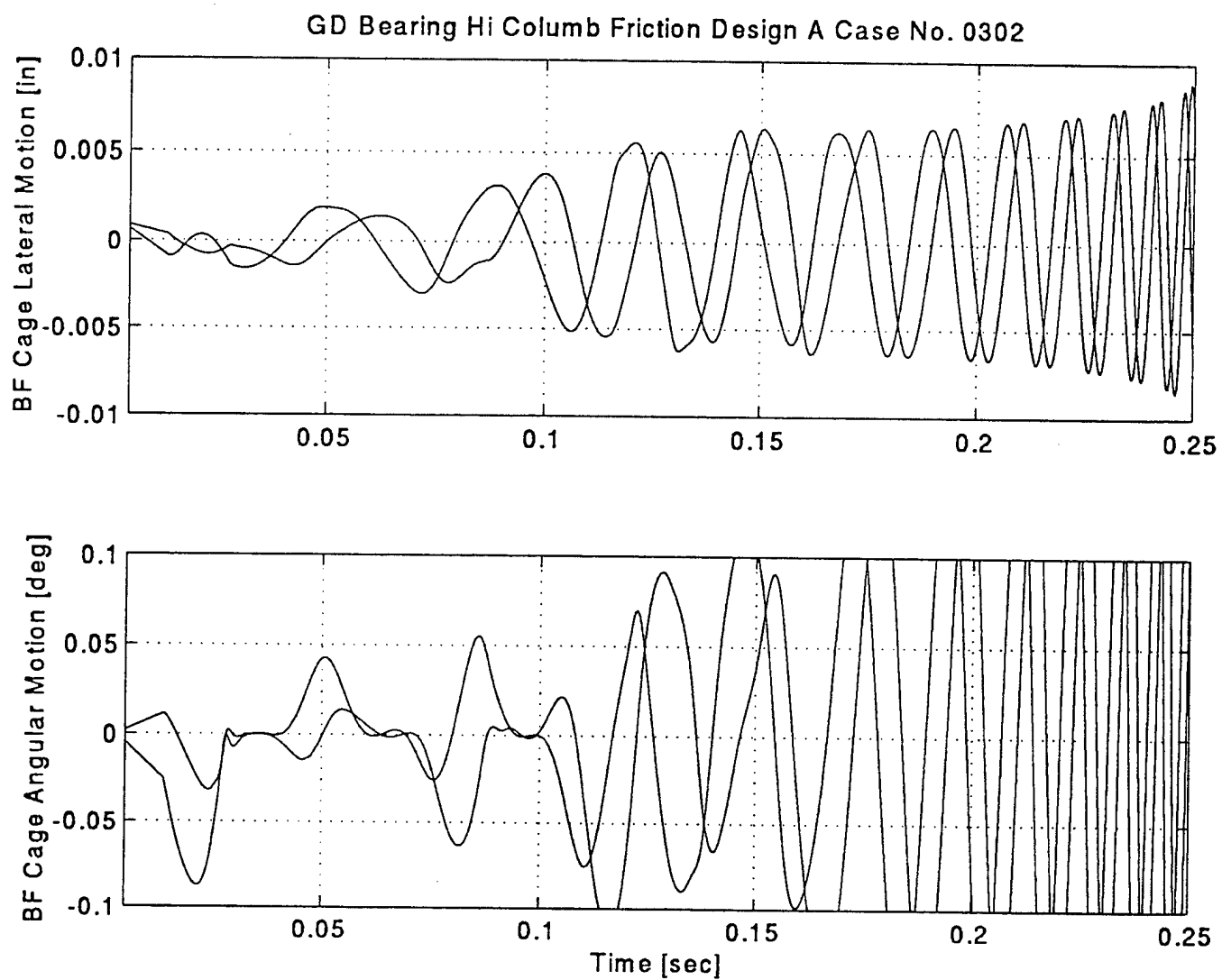


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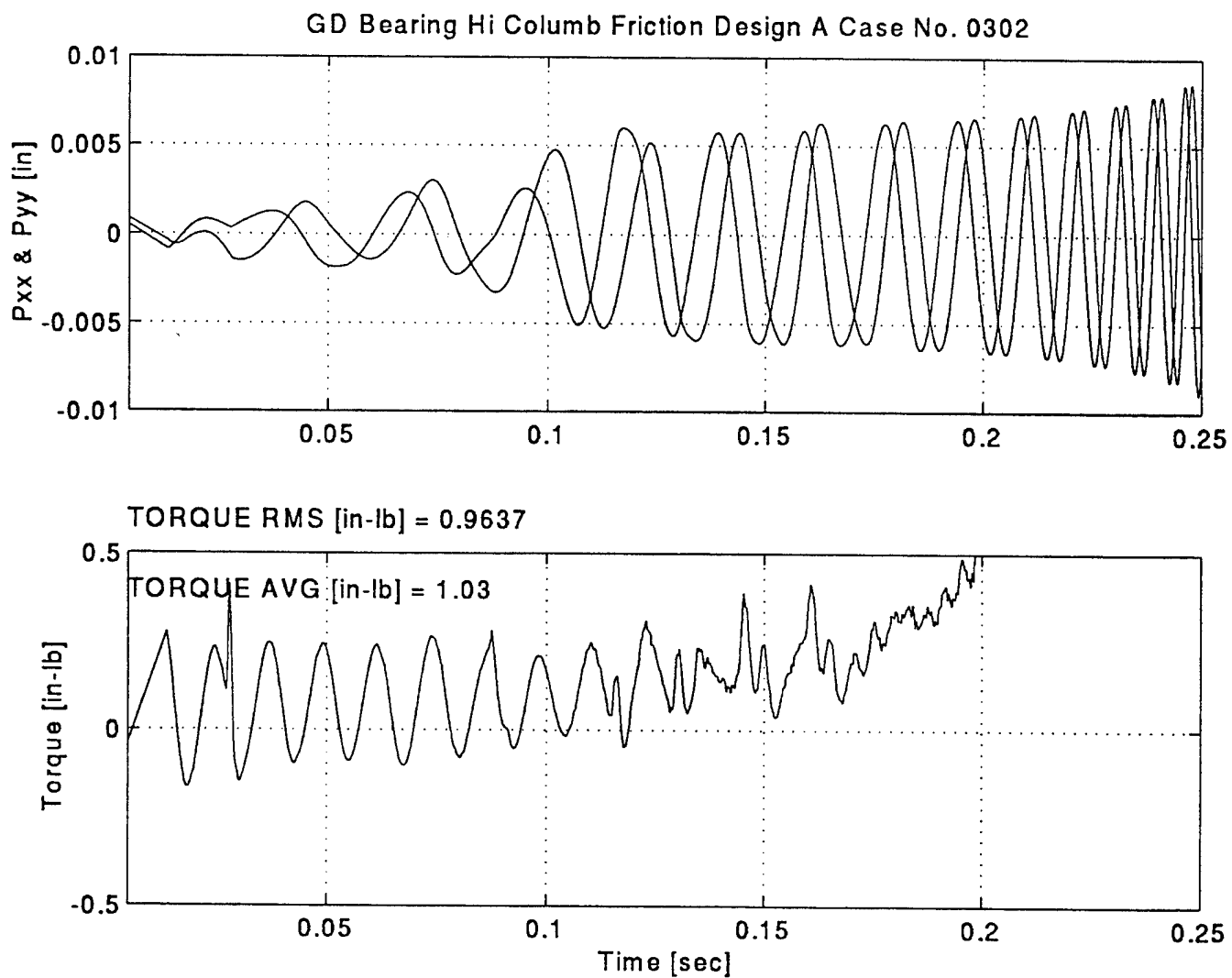


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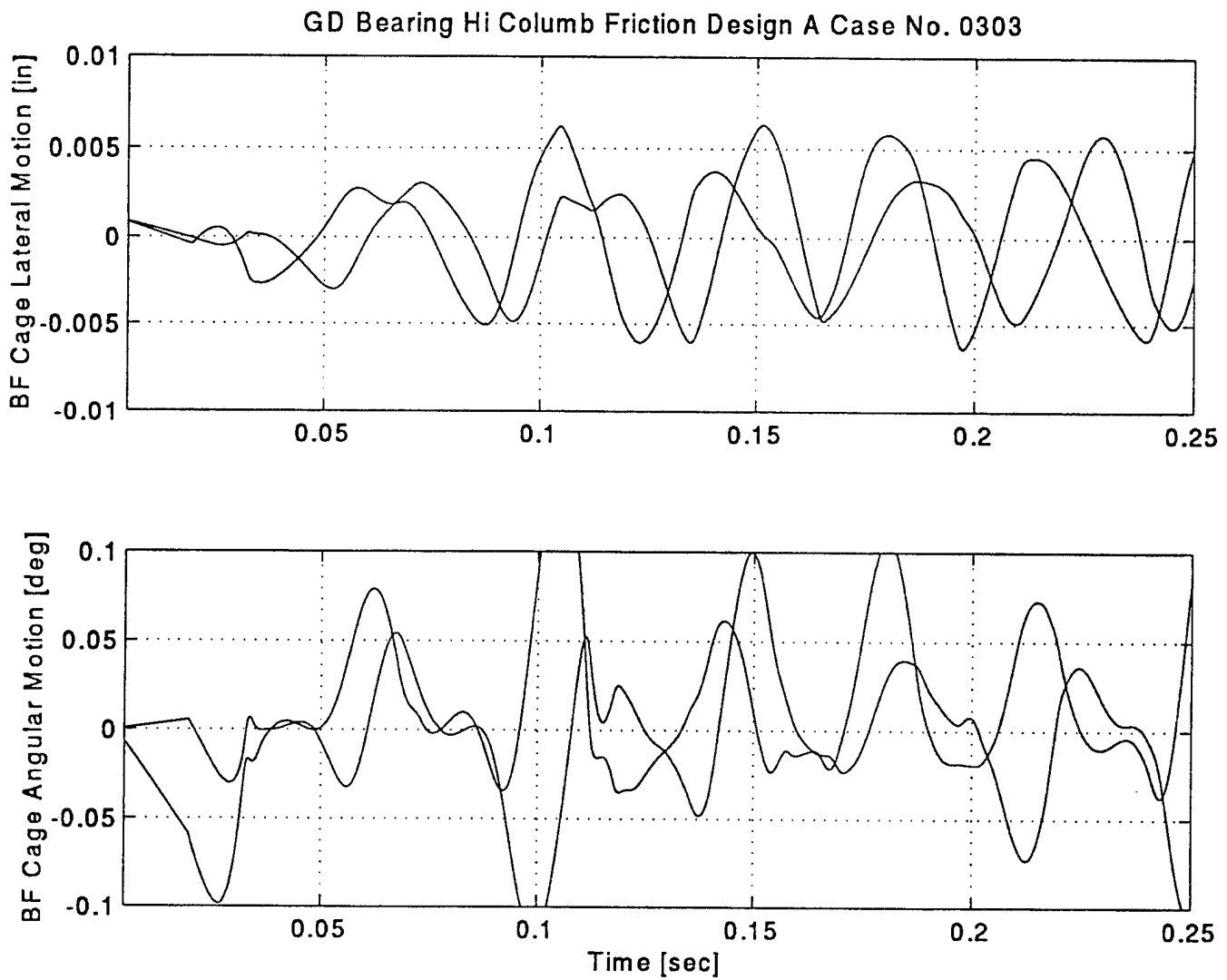


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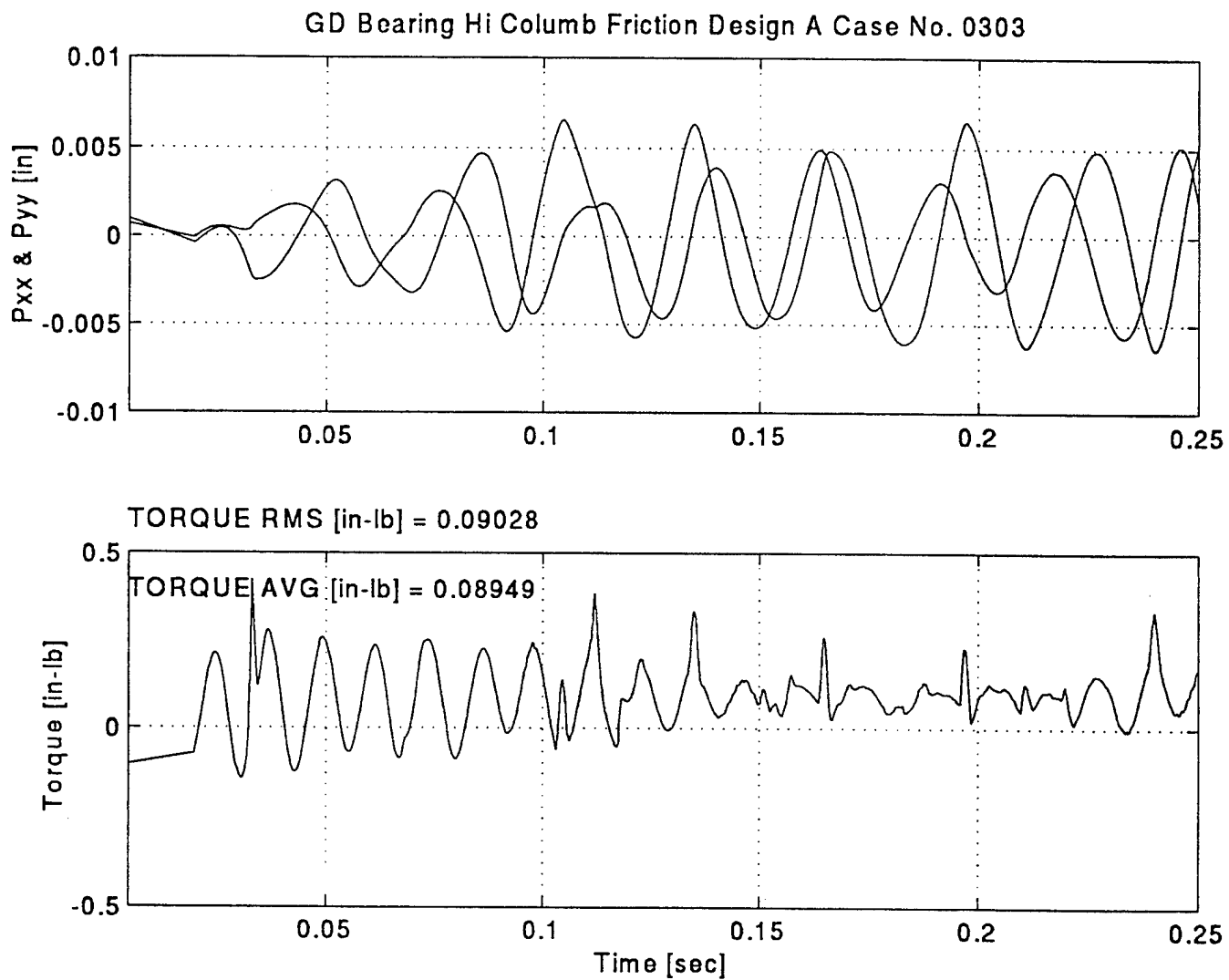


Fig 36 Design "A" High Friction Plots, Case 0303, Torque



## DESIGN "B" HIGH COULOMB FRICTION SIMULATION PLOTS

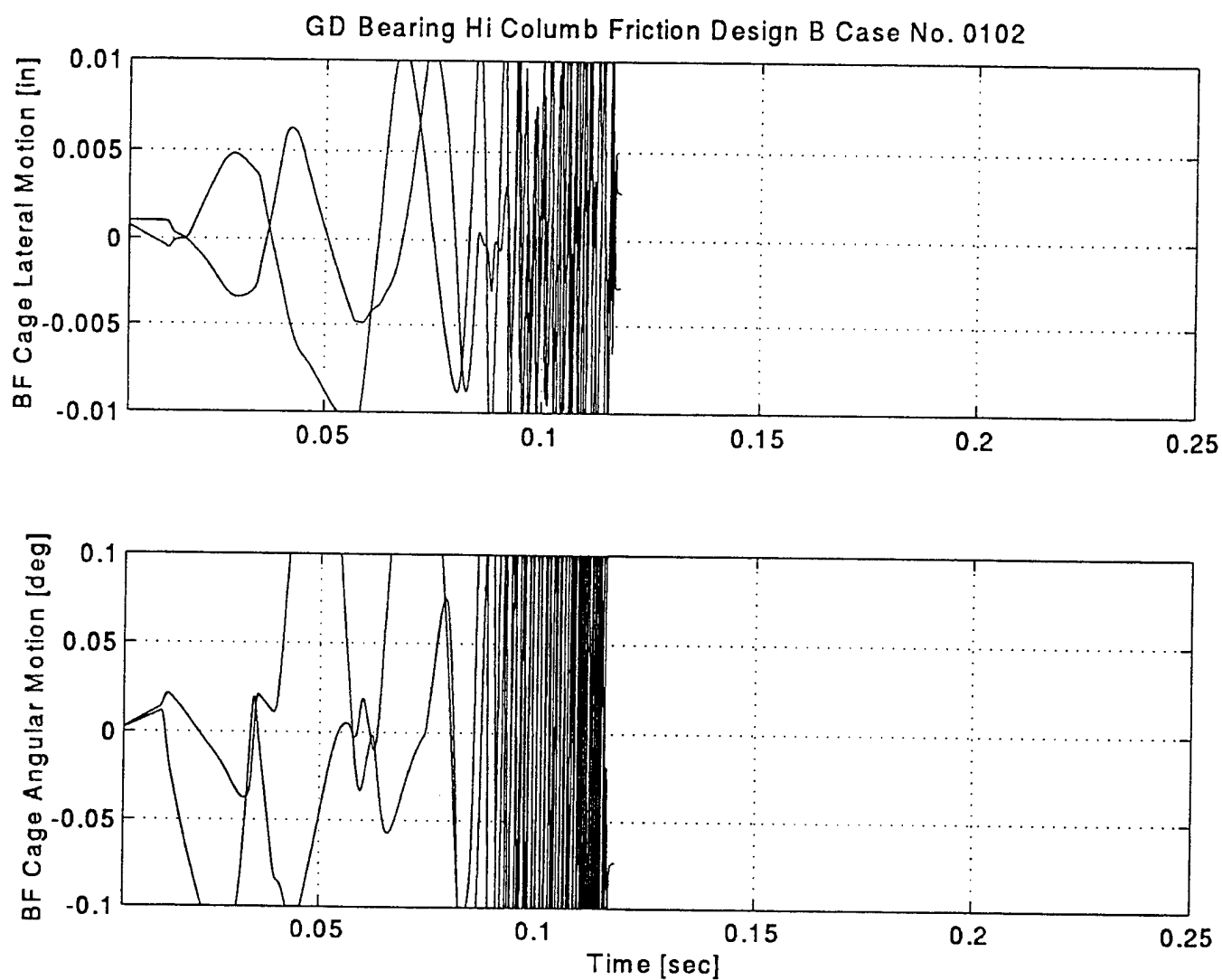


Fig 37 Design "B" High Friction Plots, Case 0102, Motions

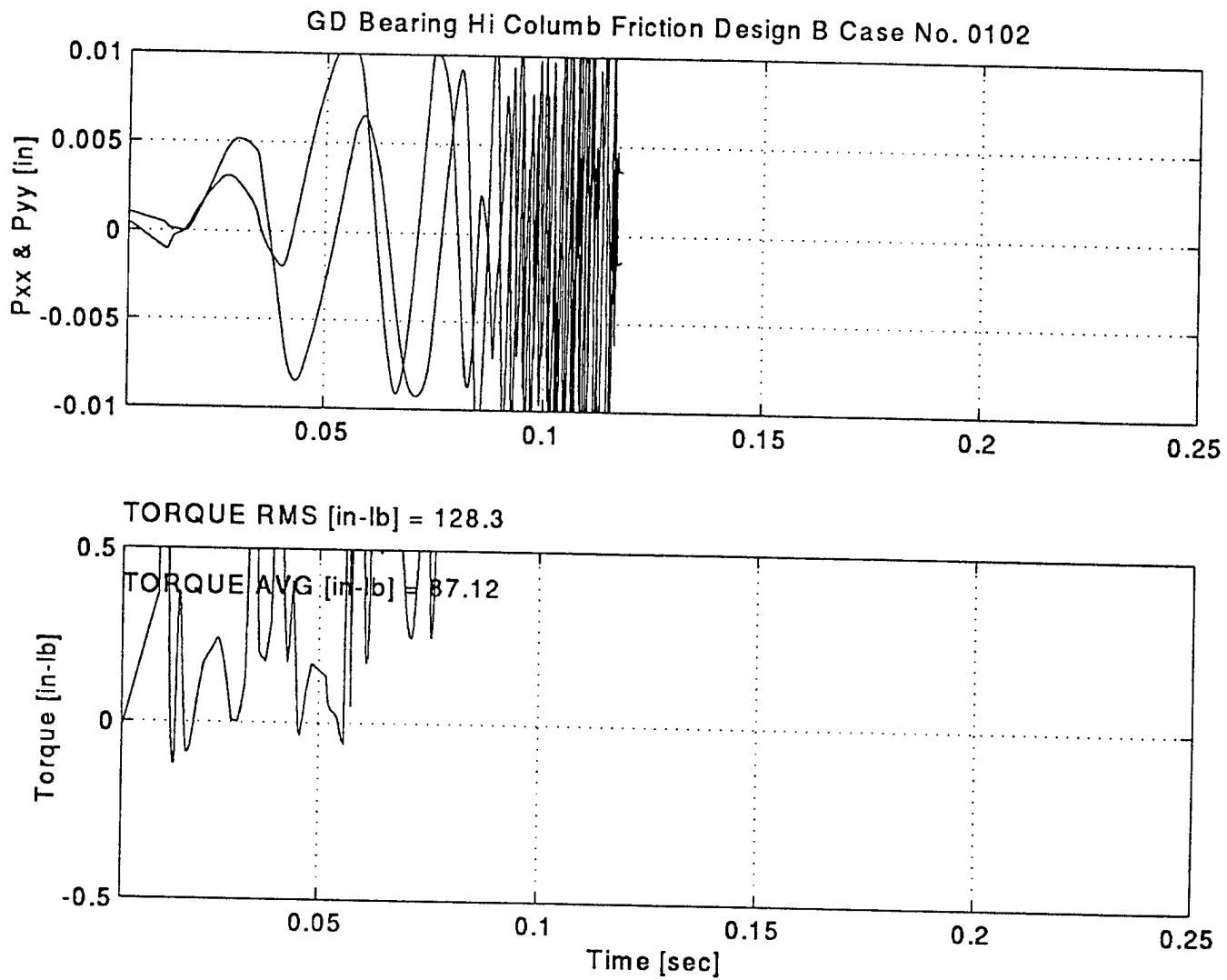


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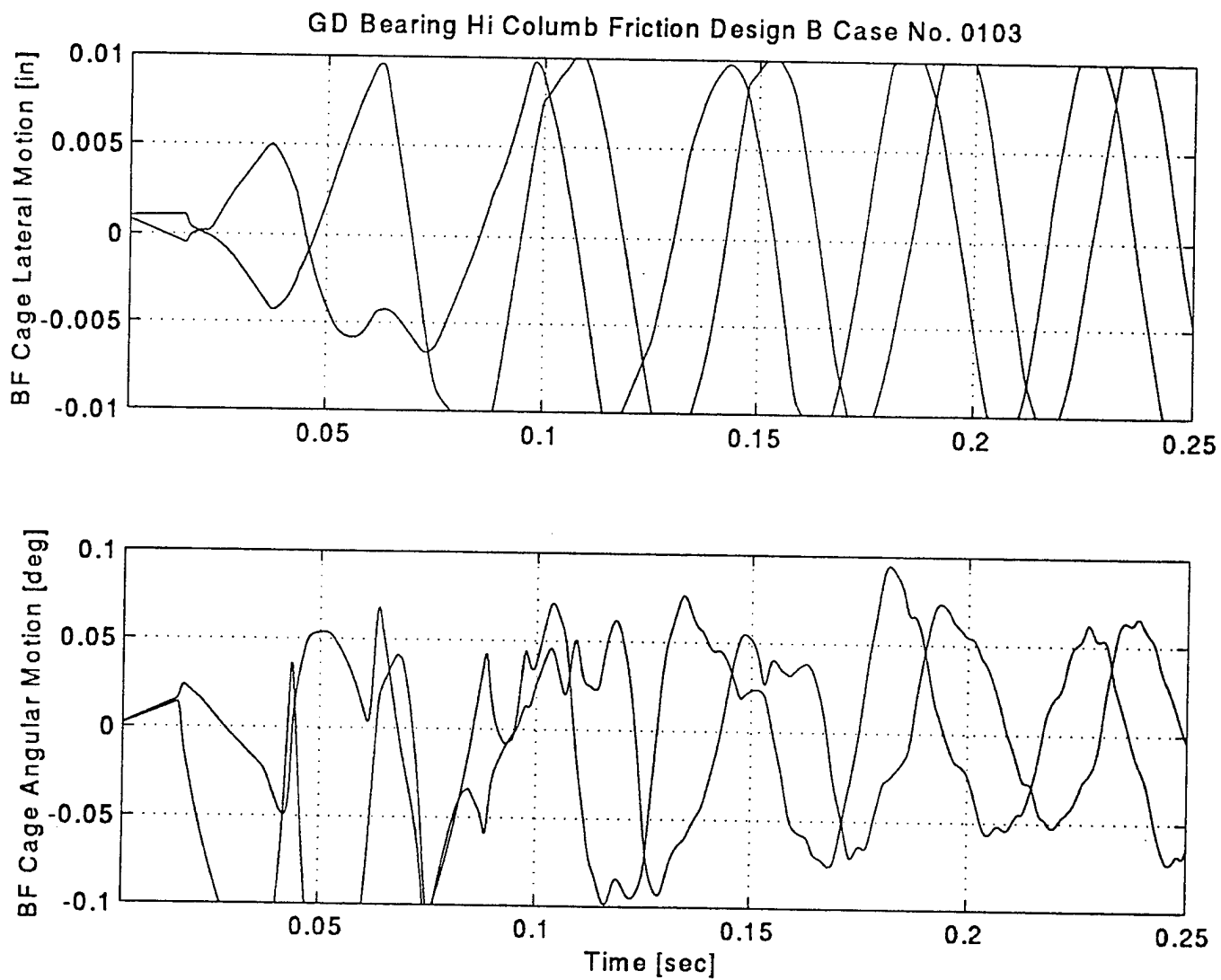


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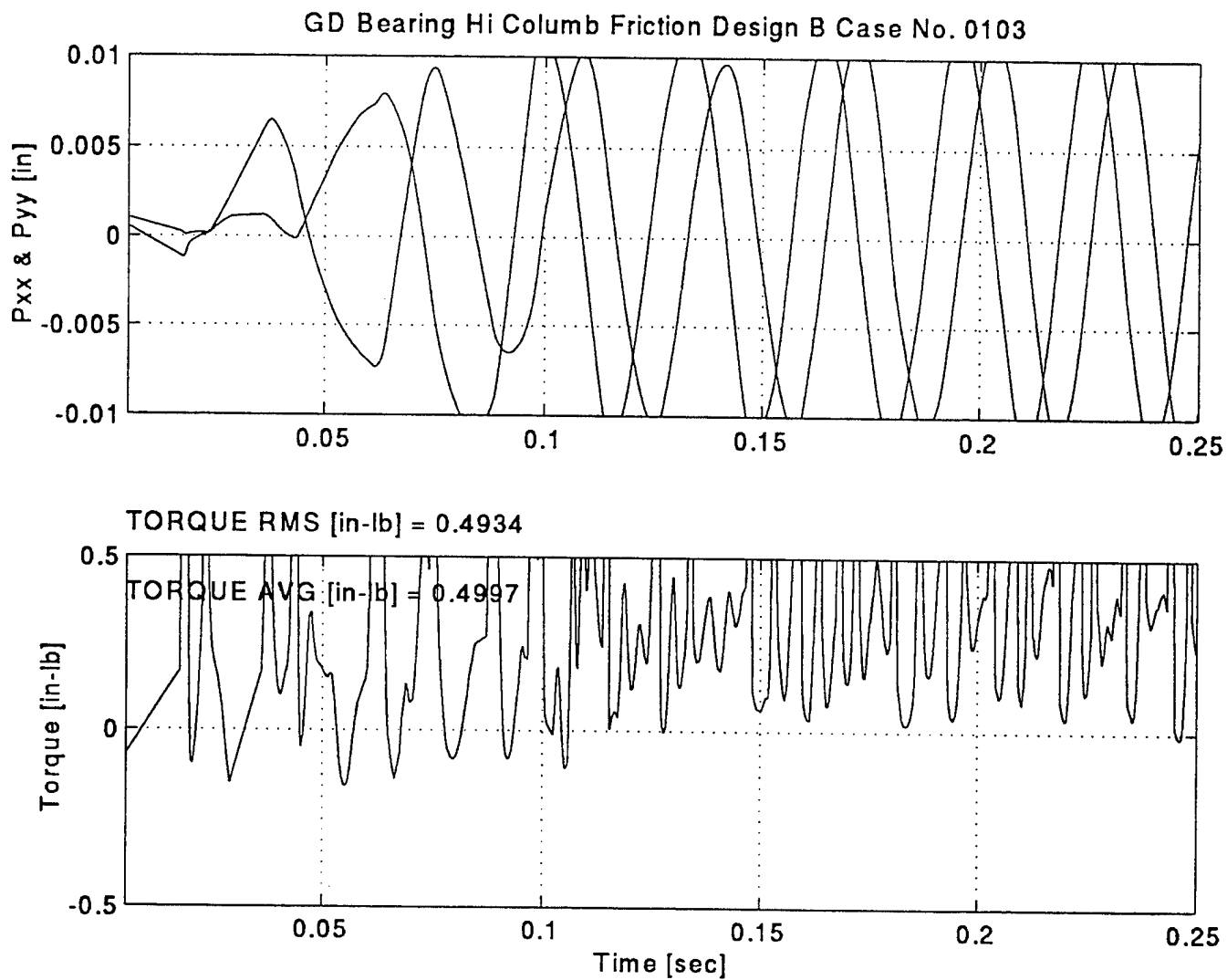


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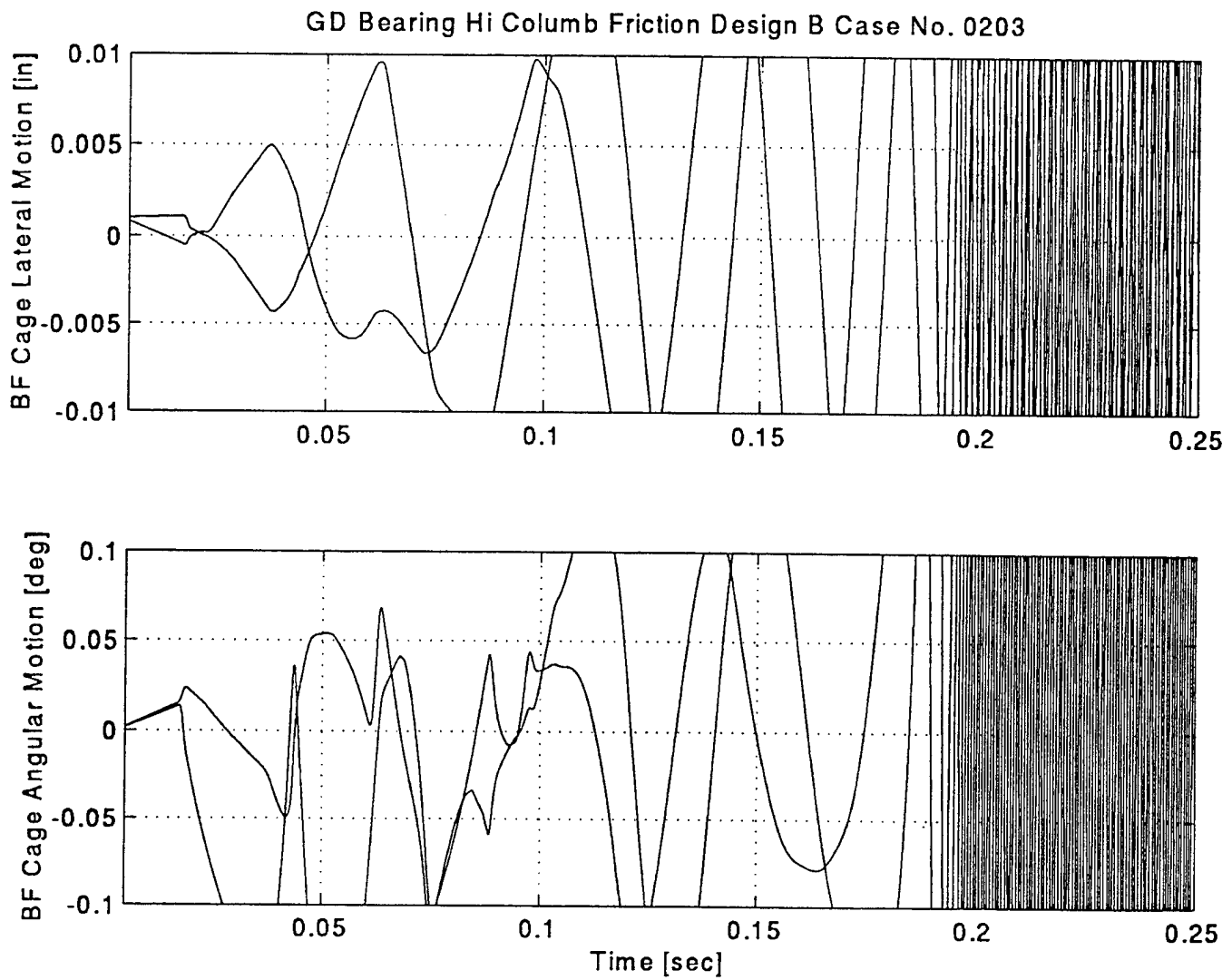


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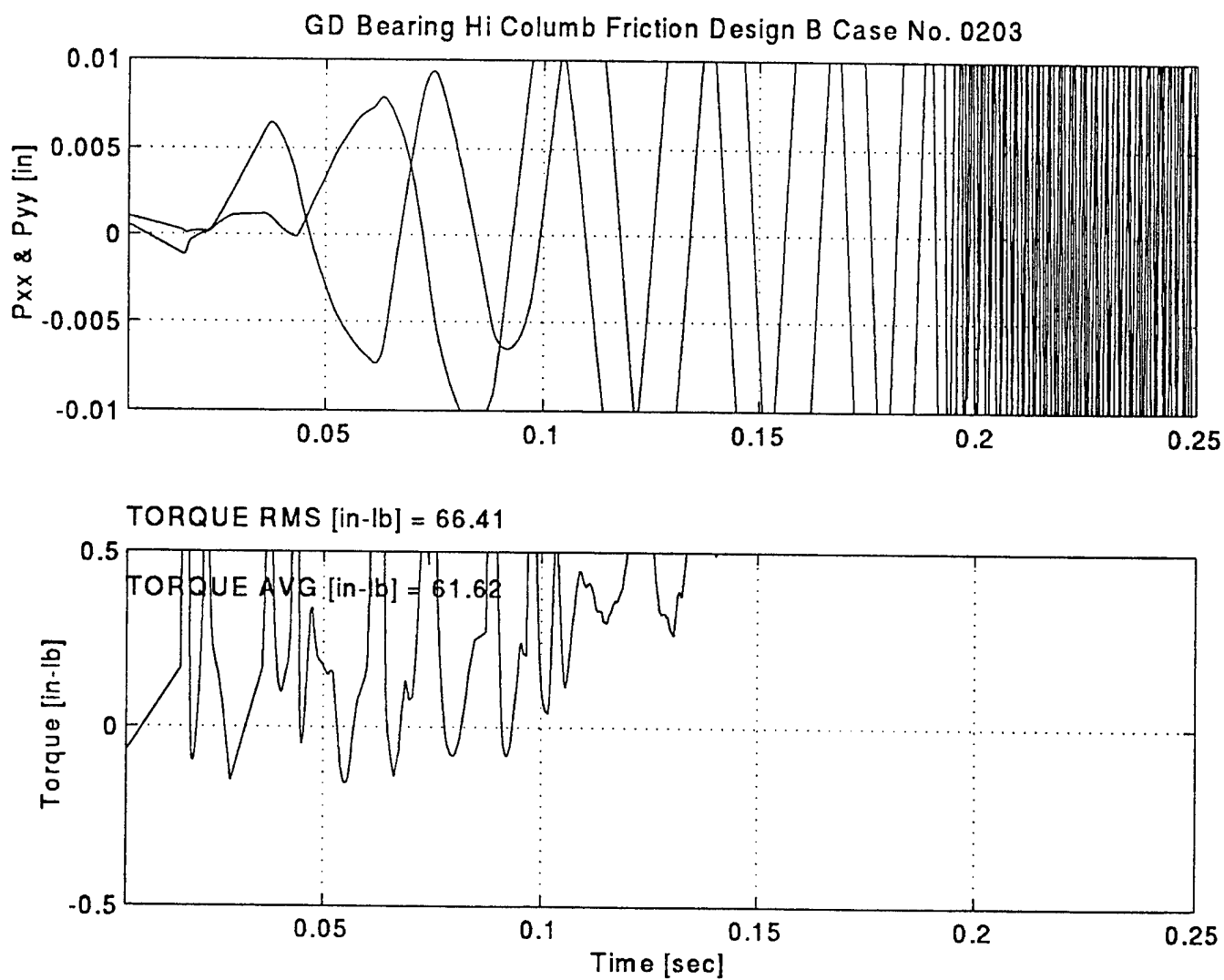


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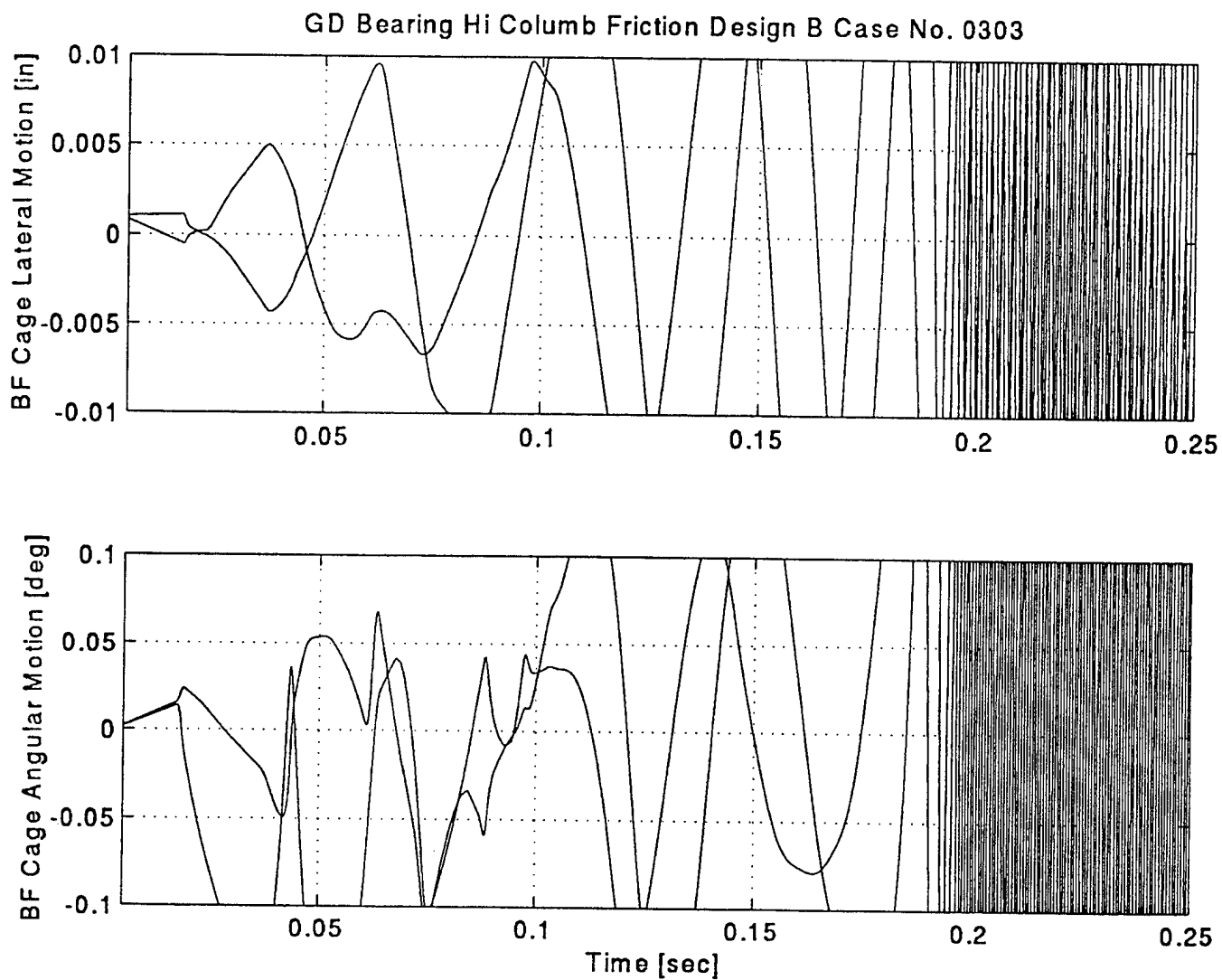


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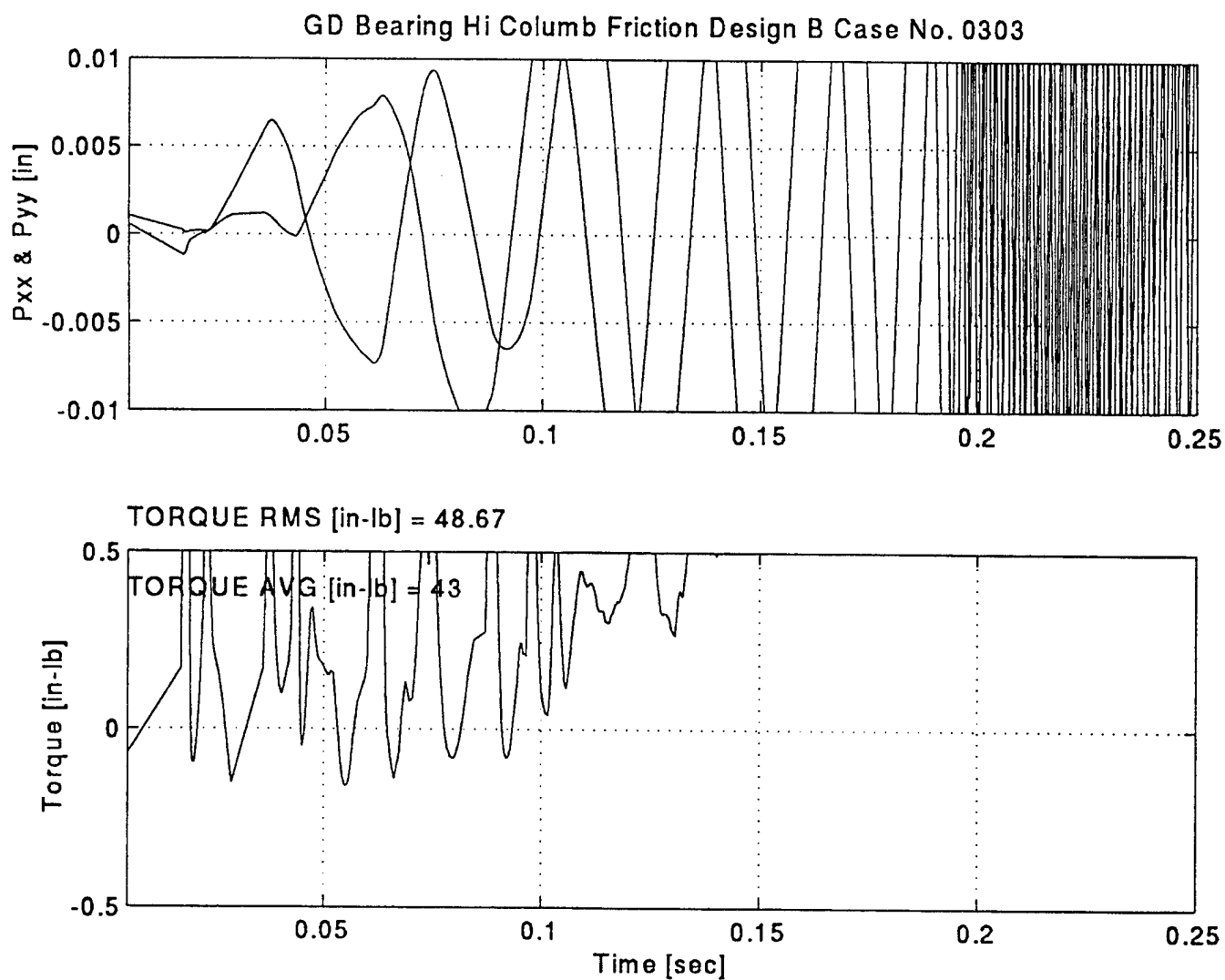


Fig 44 Design "B" High Friction Plots, Case 0303, Torque



## DESIGN "B" LOW COULOMB FRICTION SIMULATION PLOTS

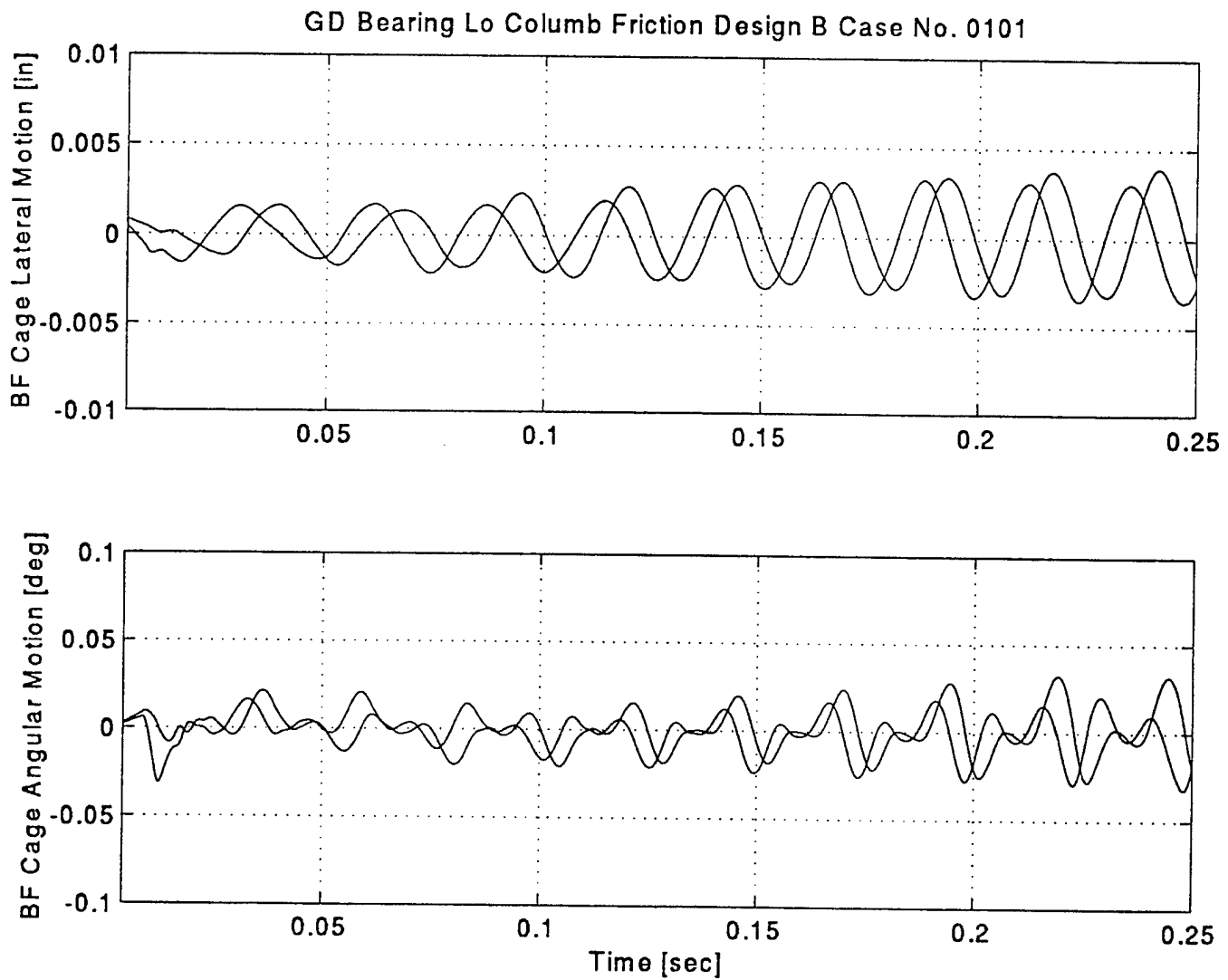


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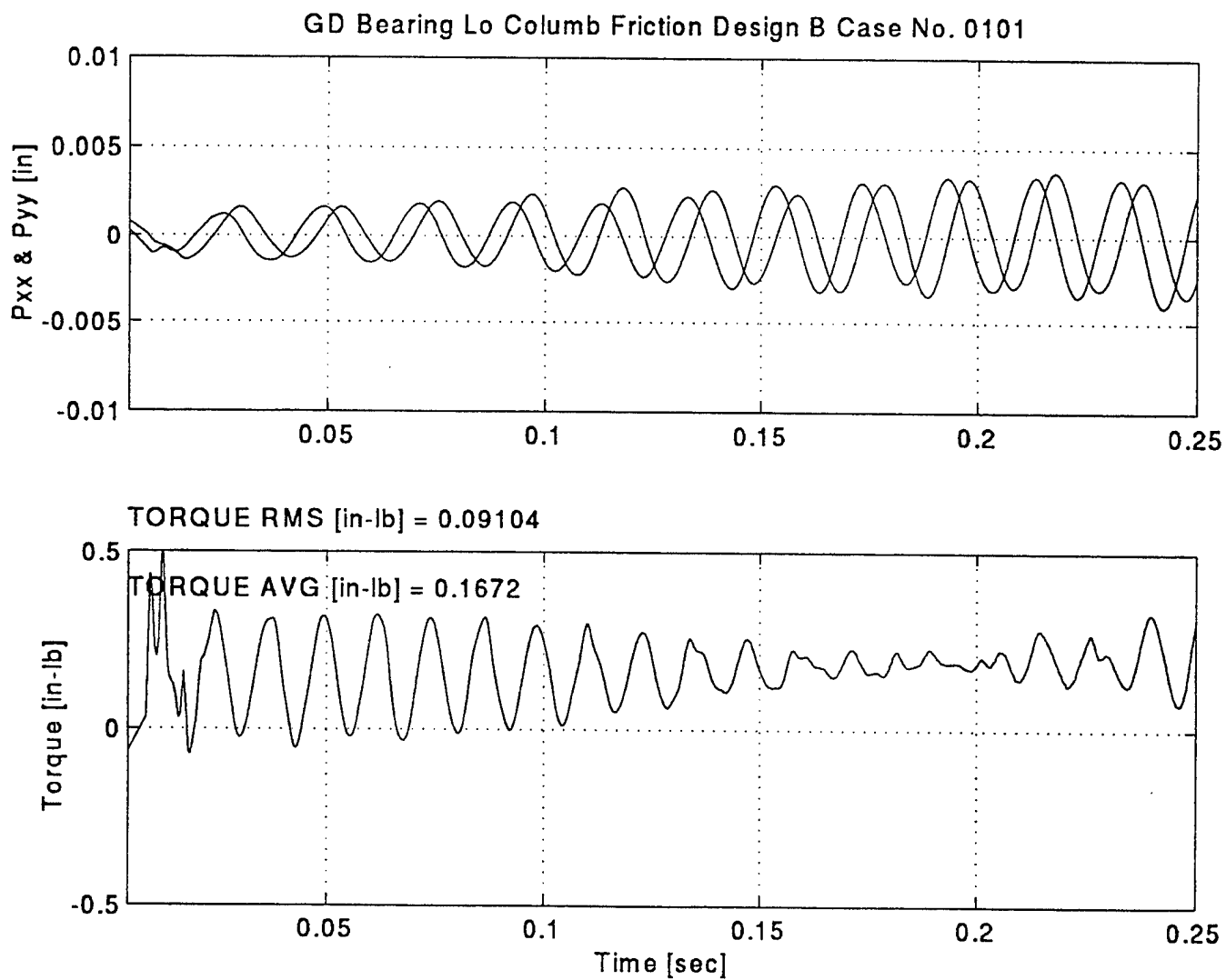


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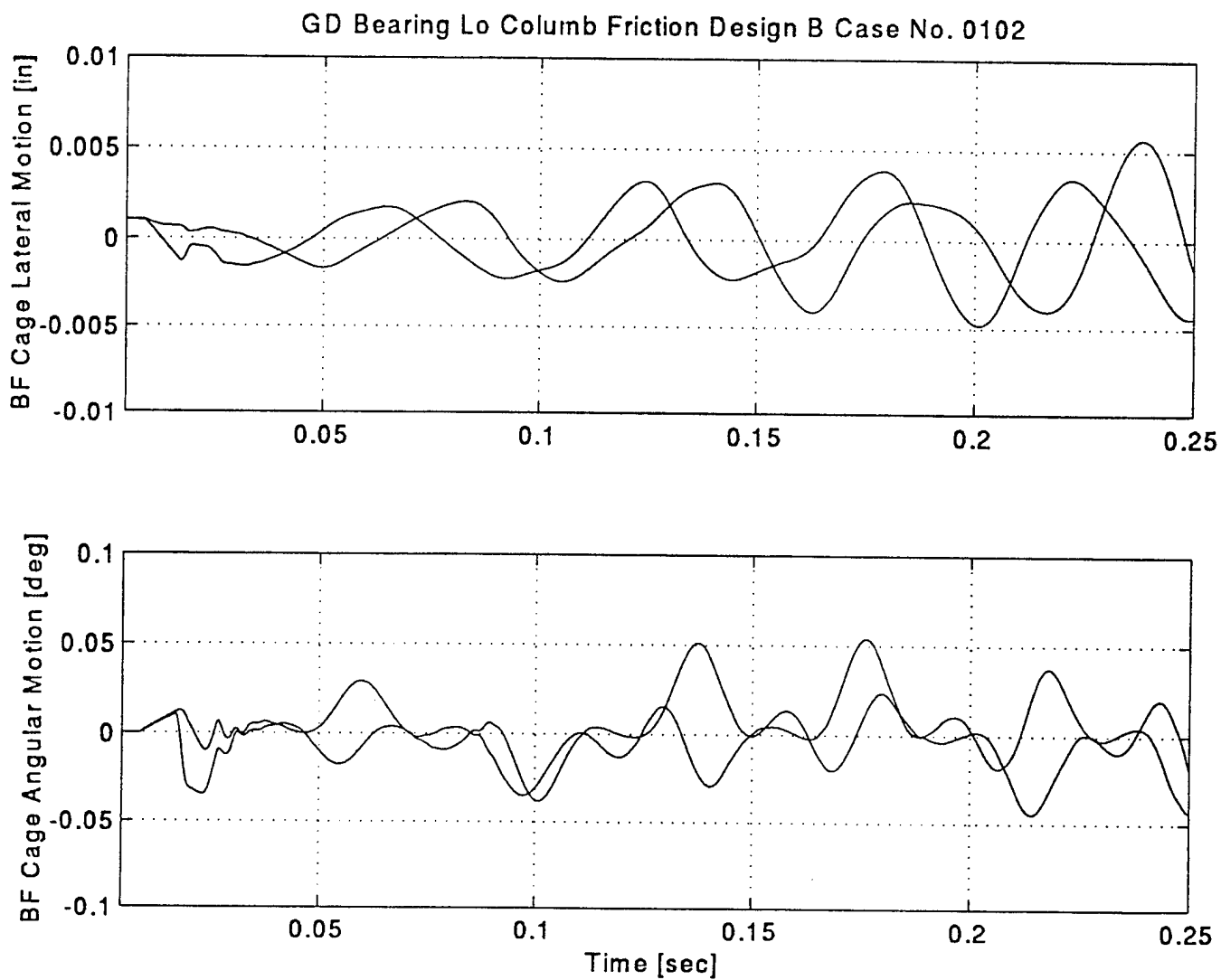


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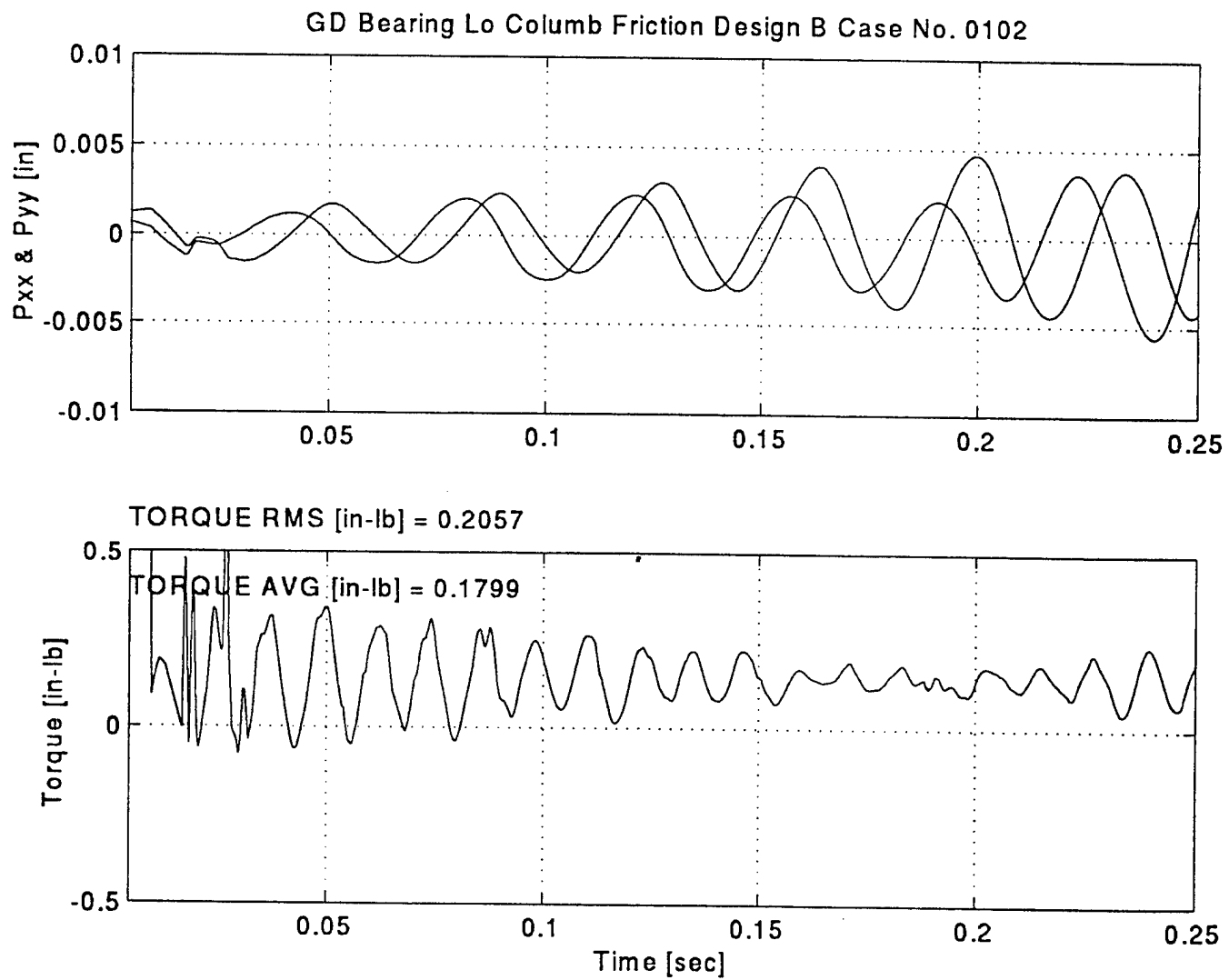


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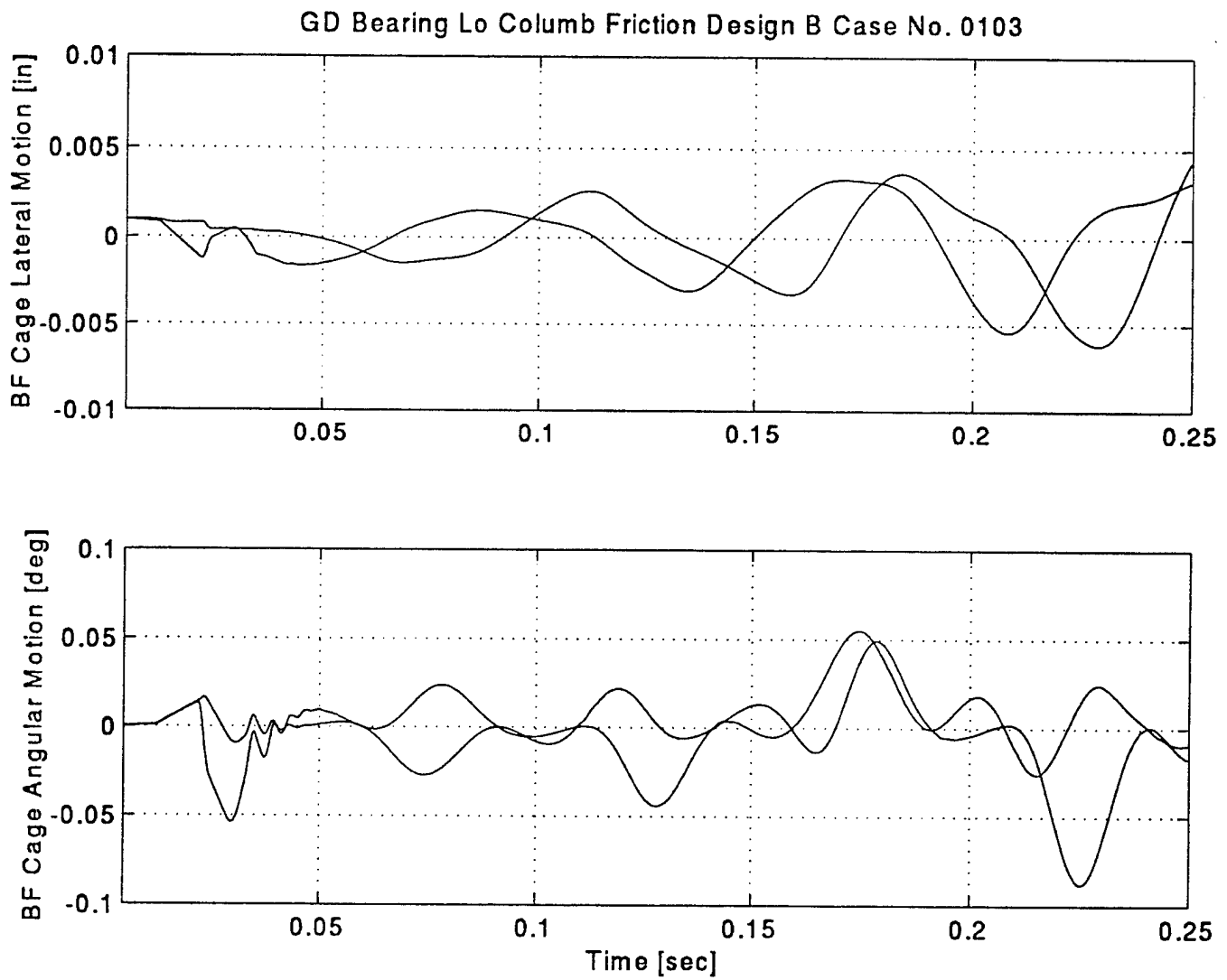


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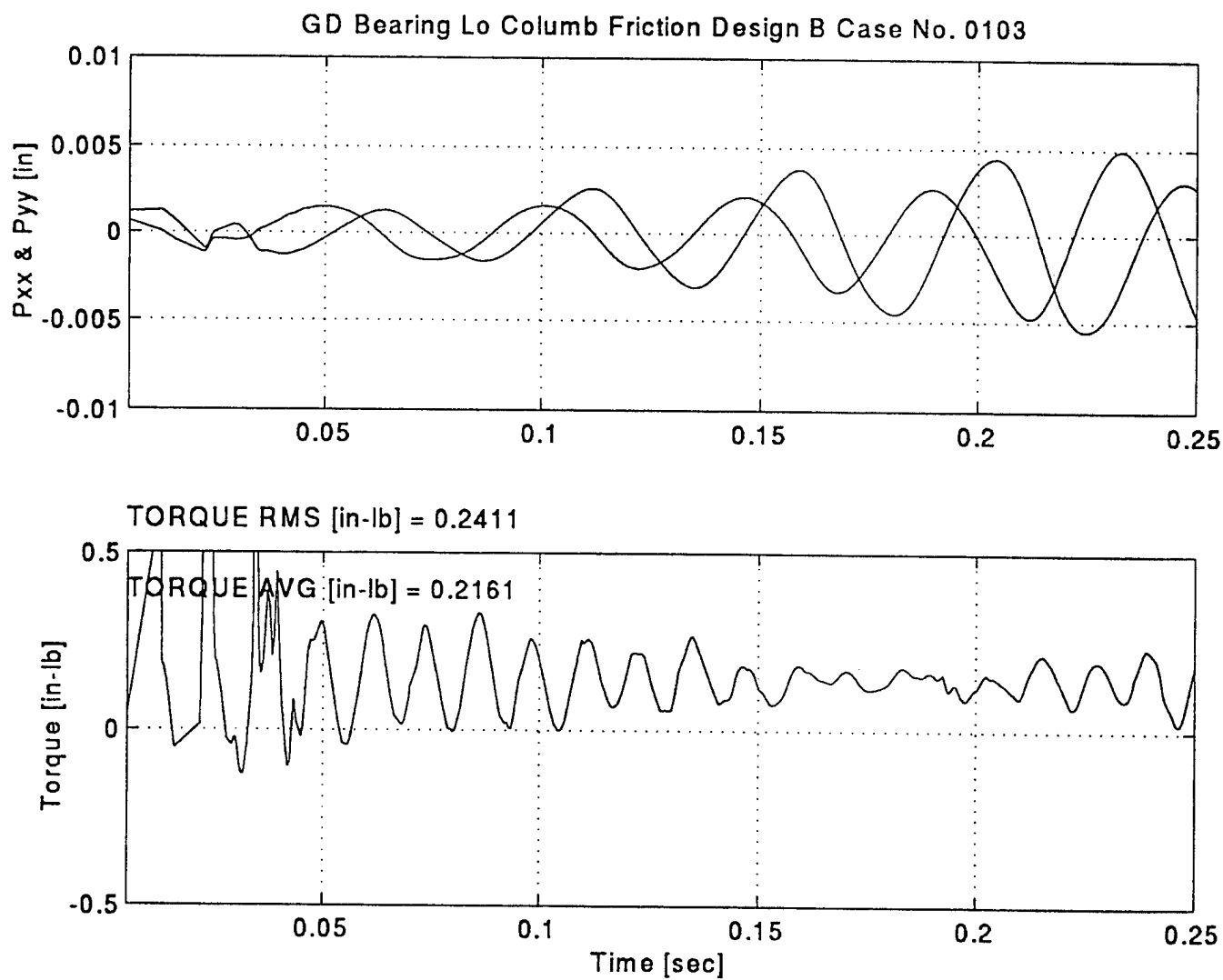


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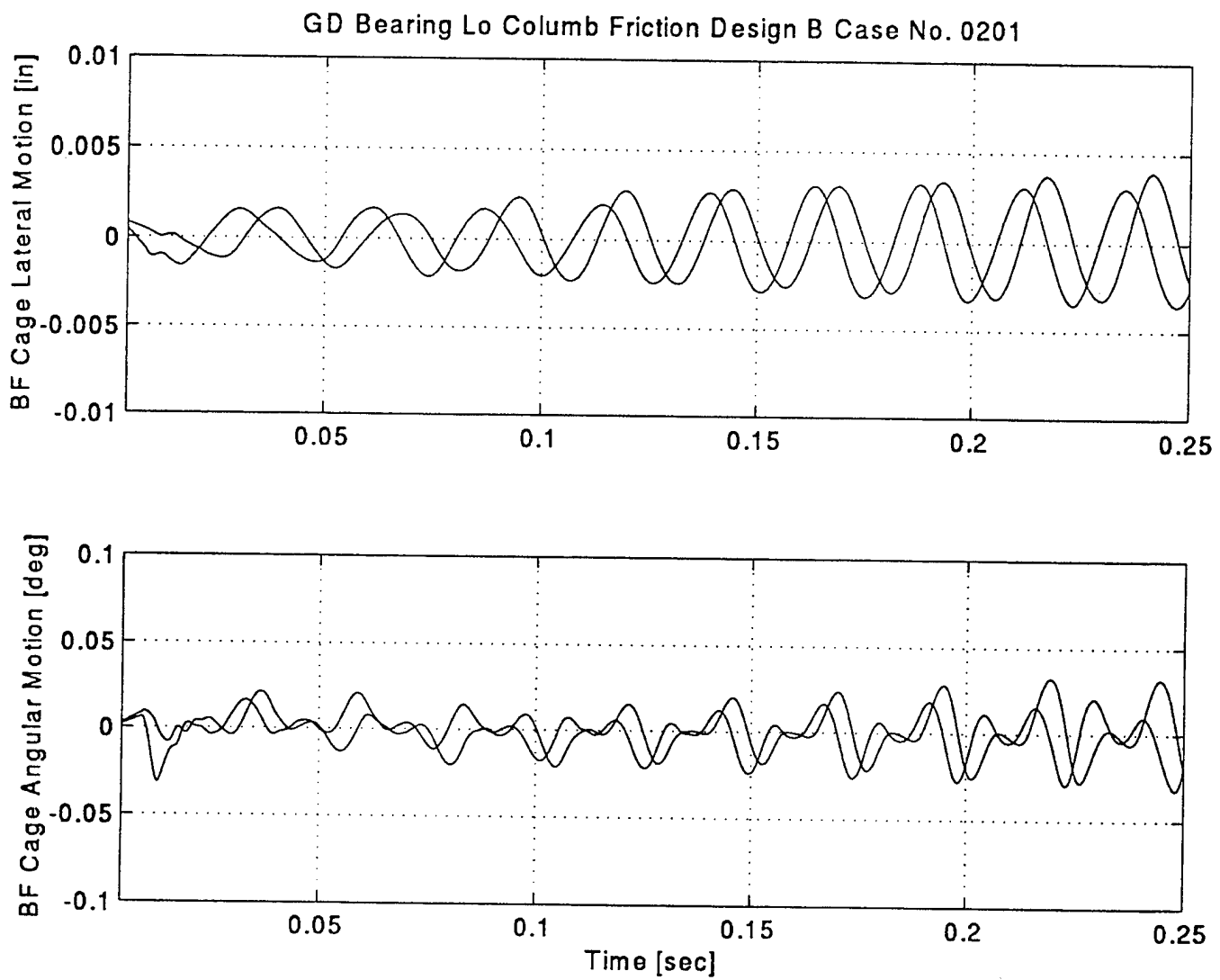


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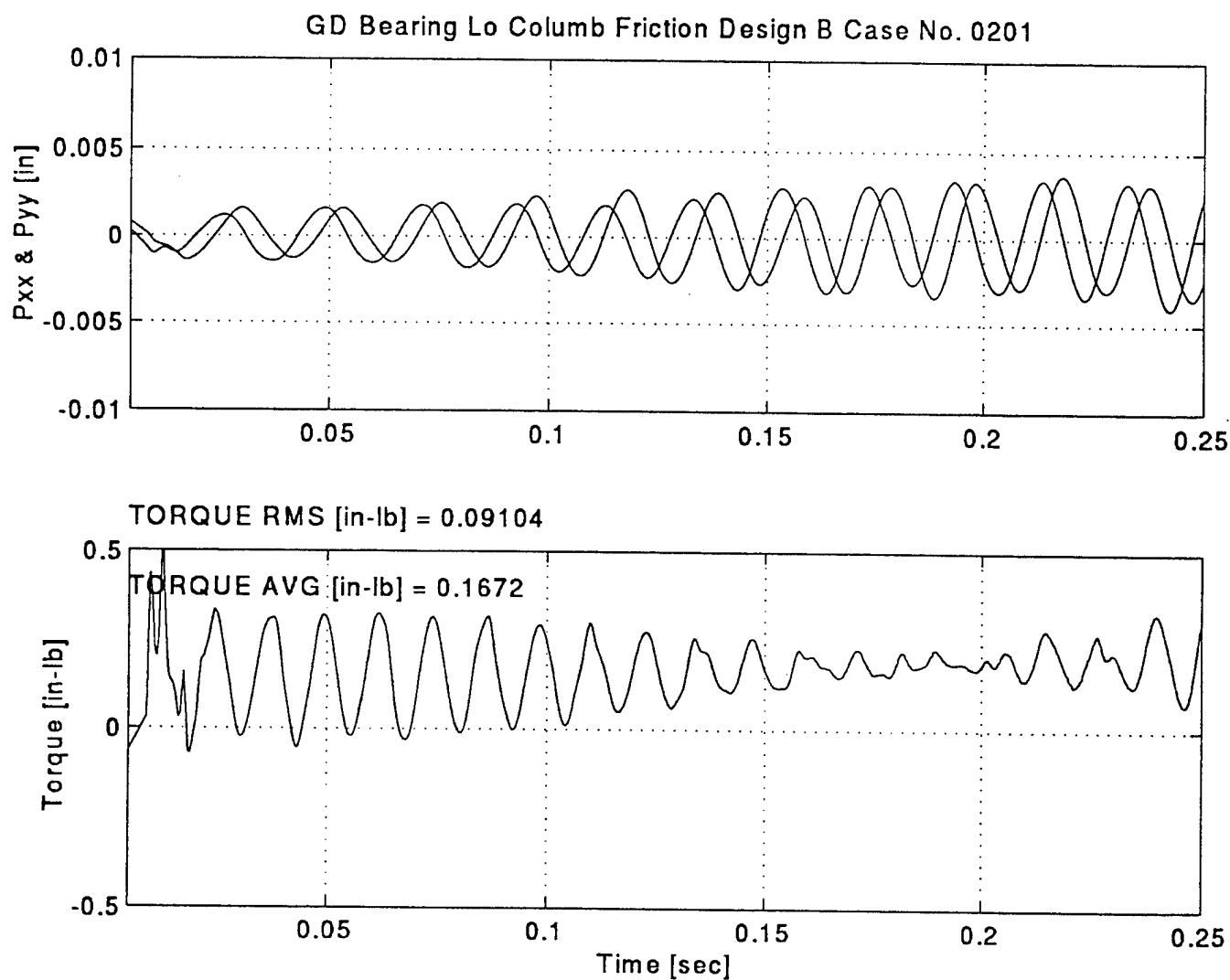


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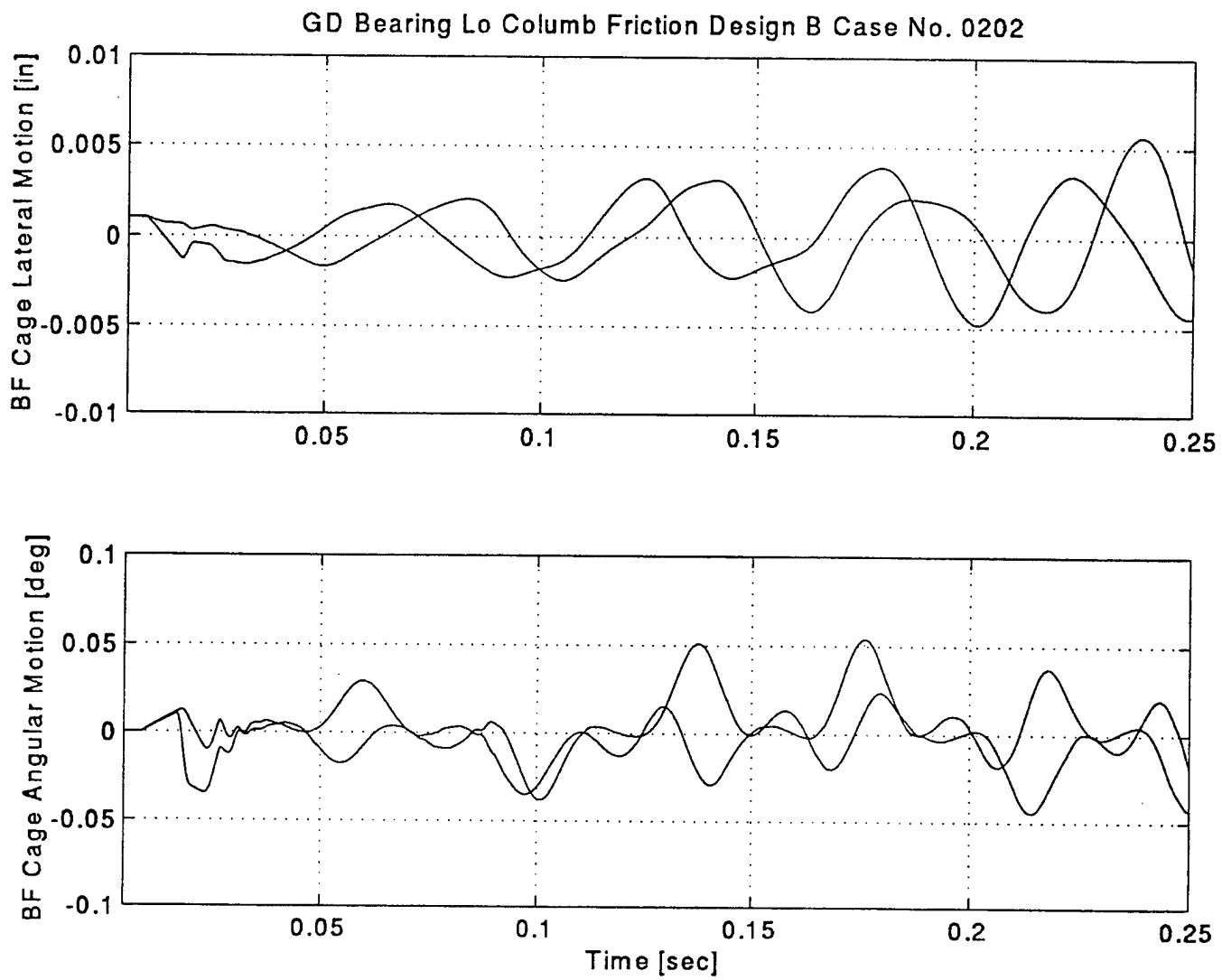


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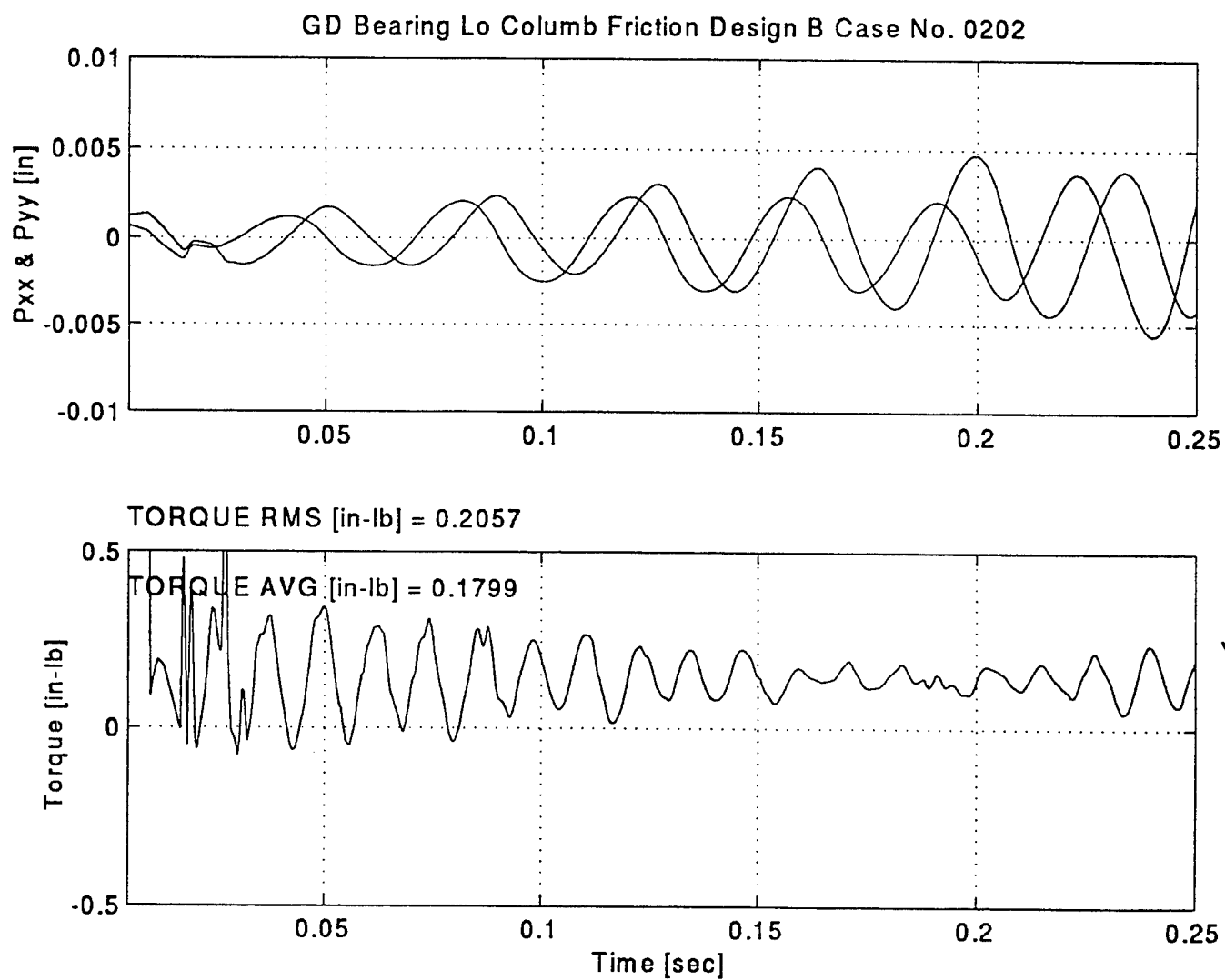


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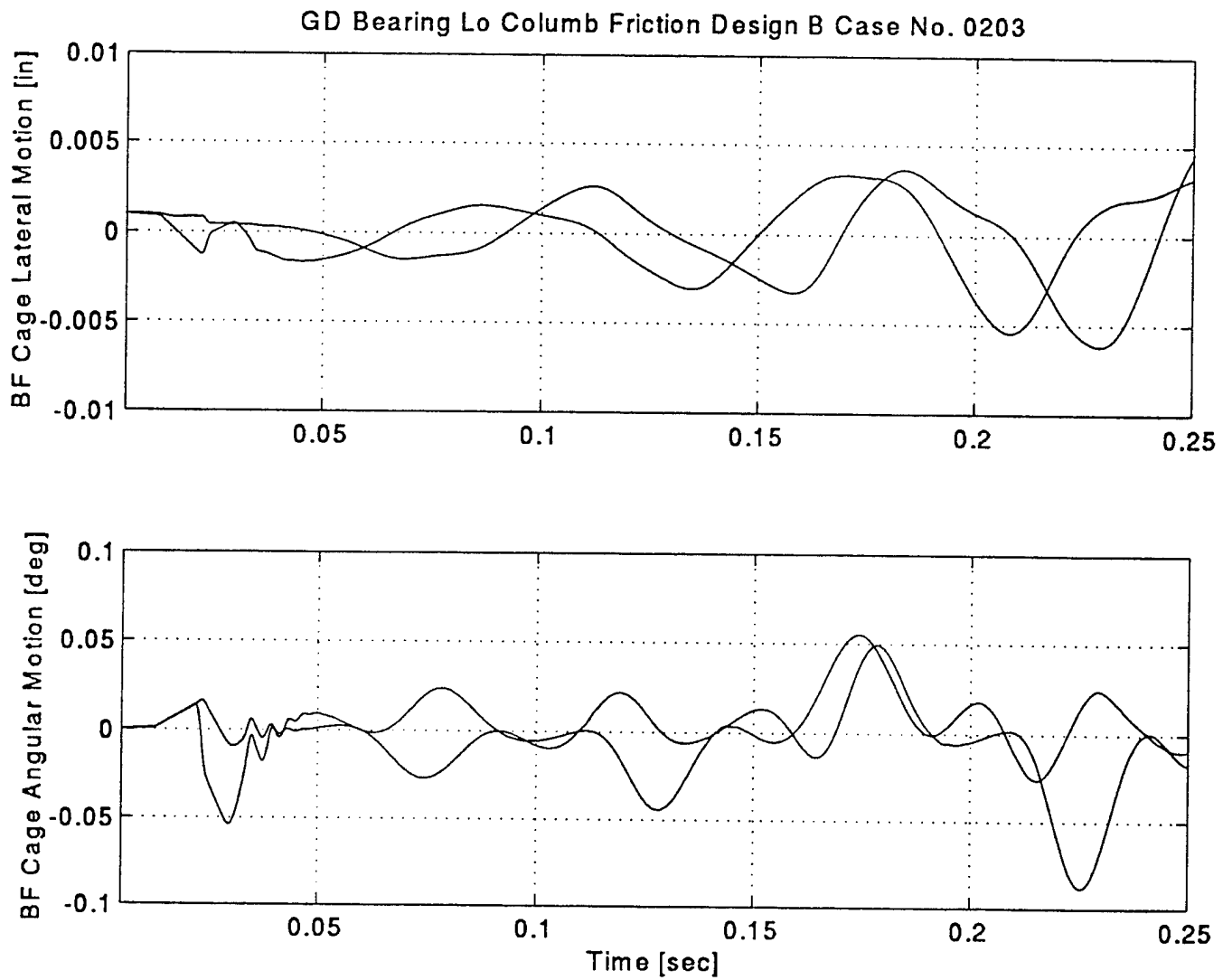


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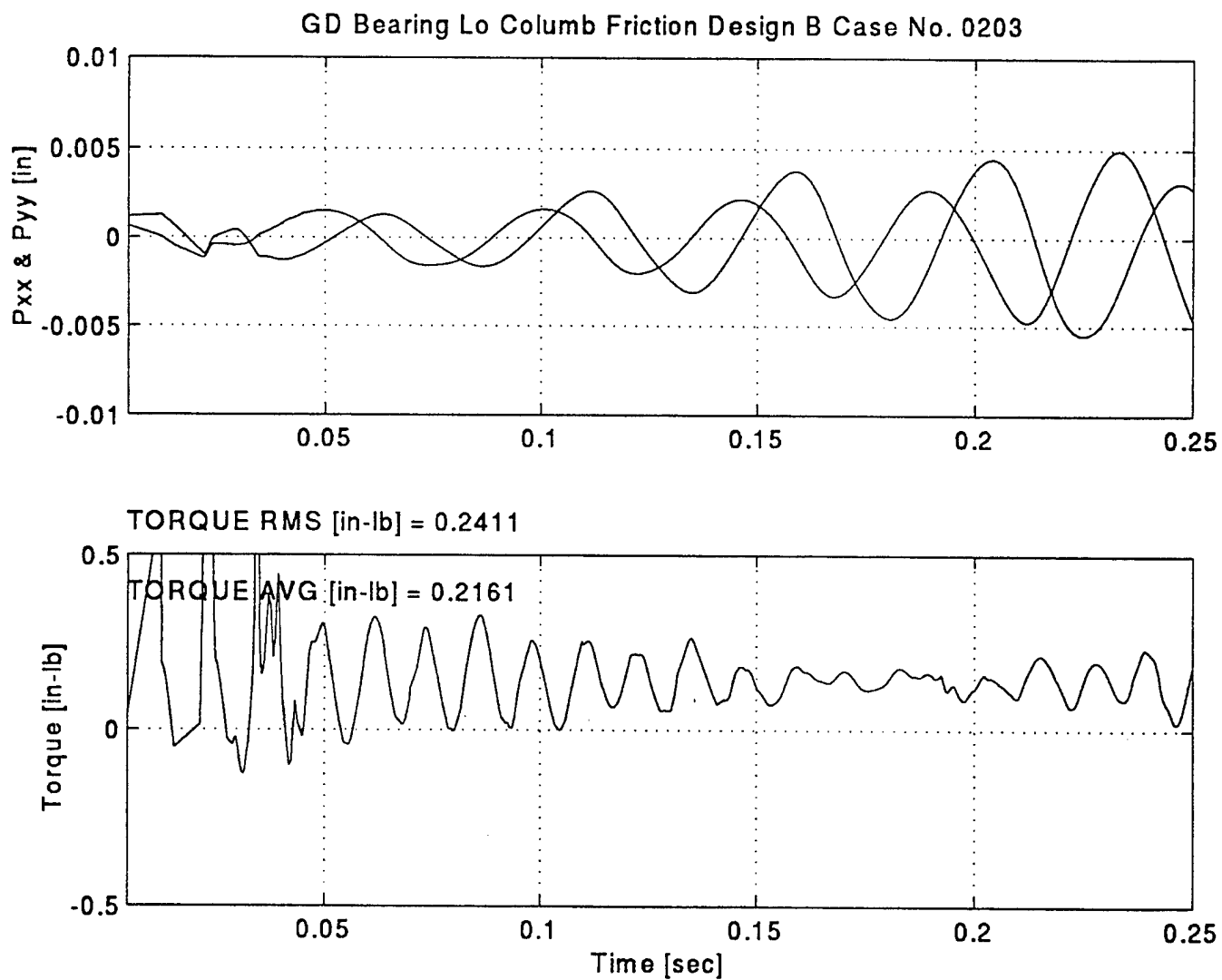


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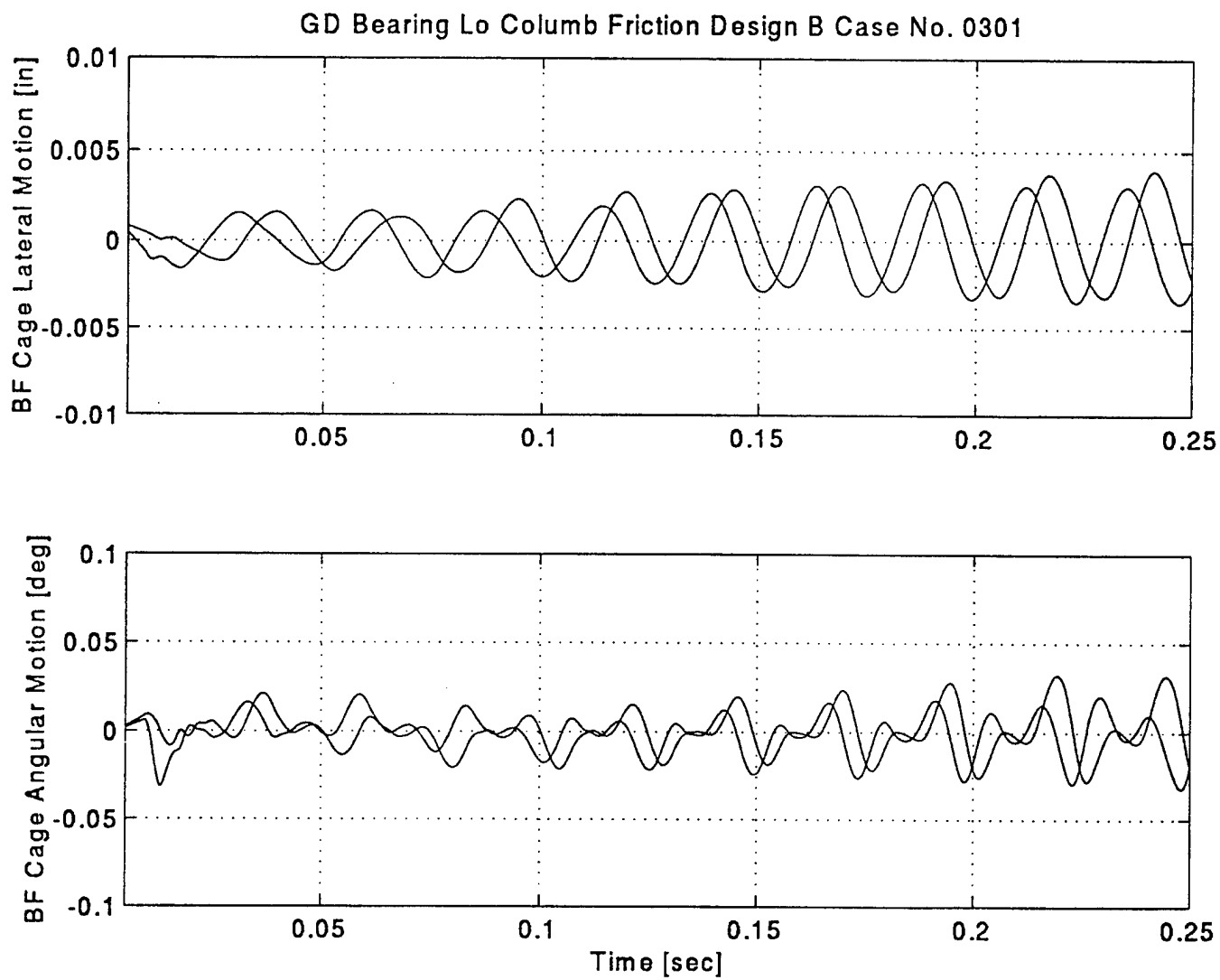


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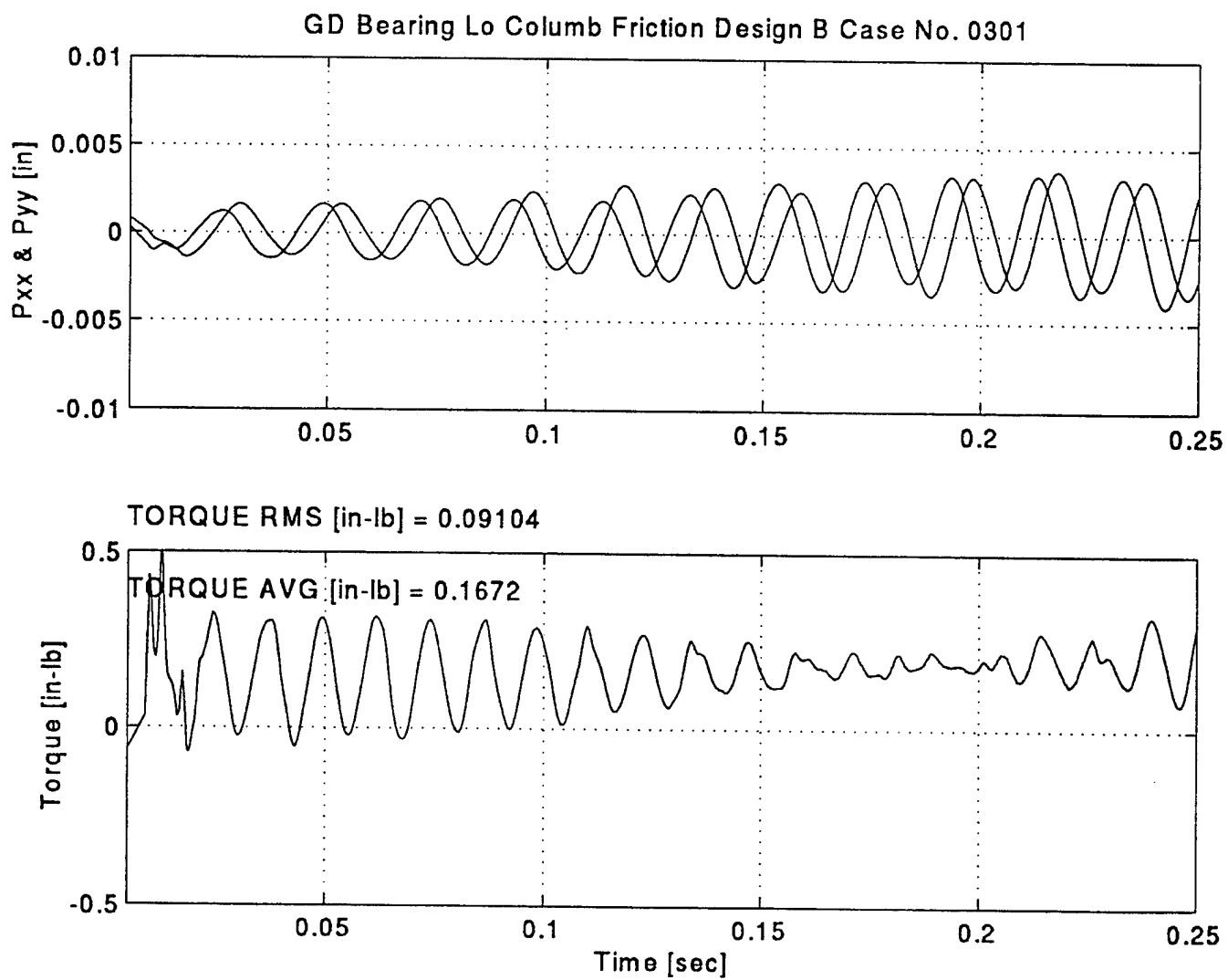


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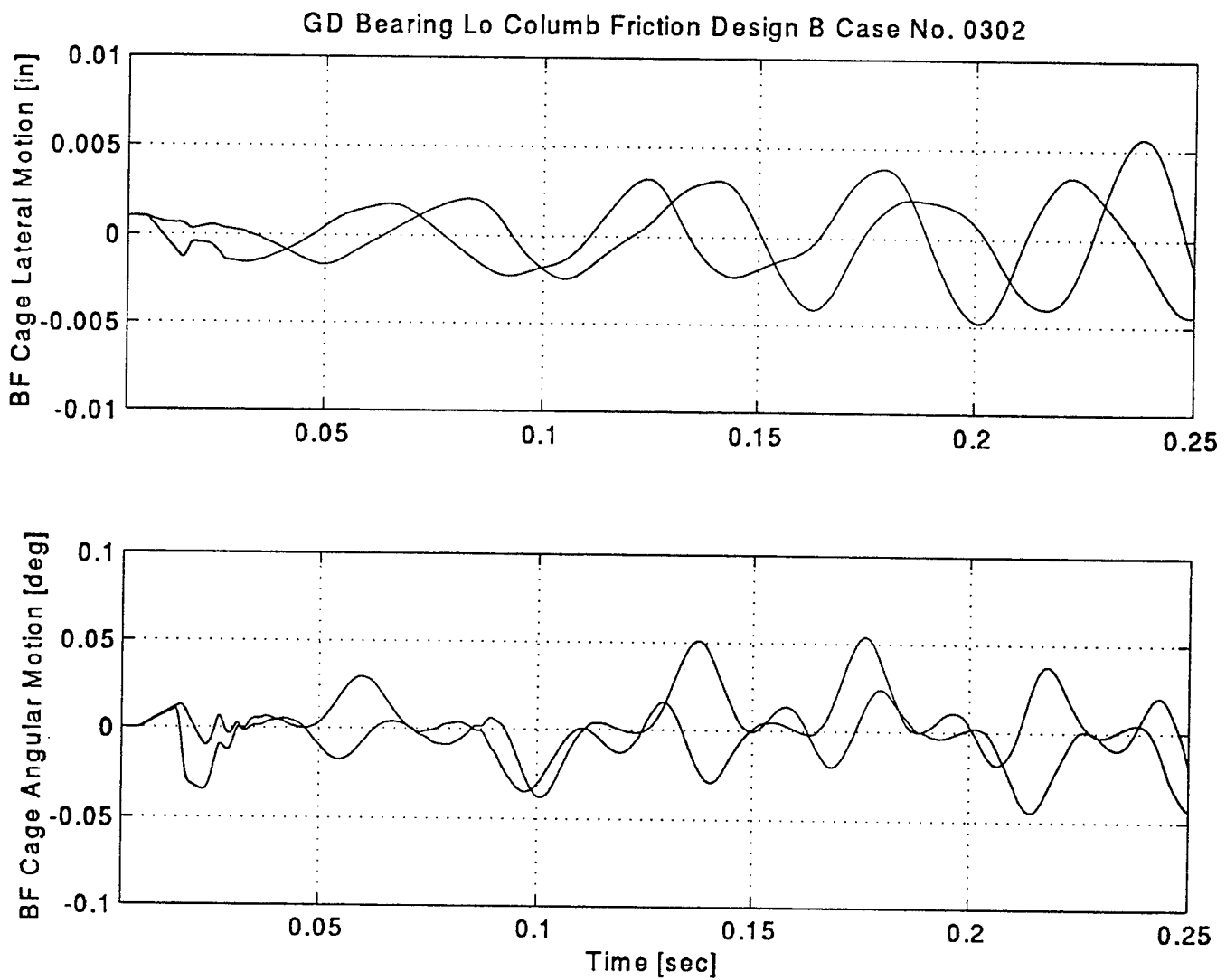


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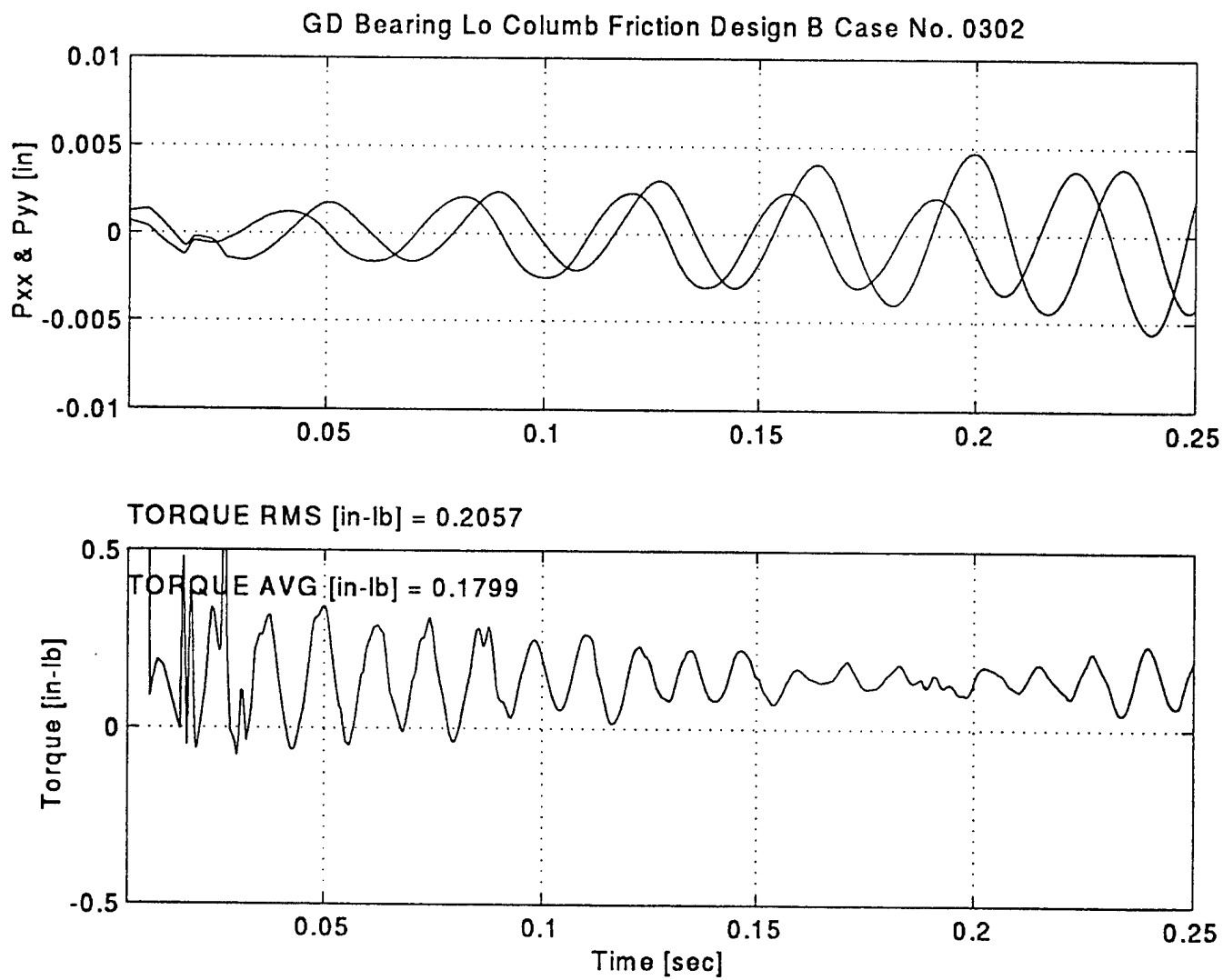


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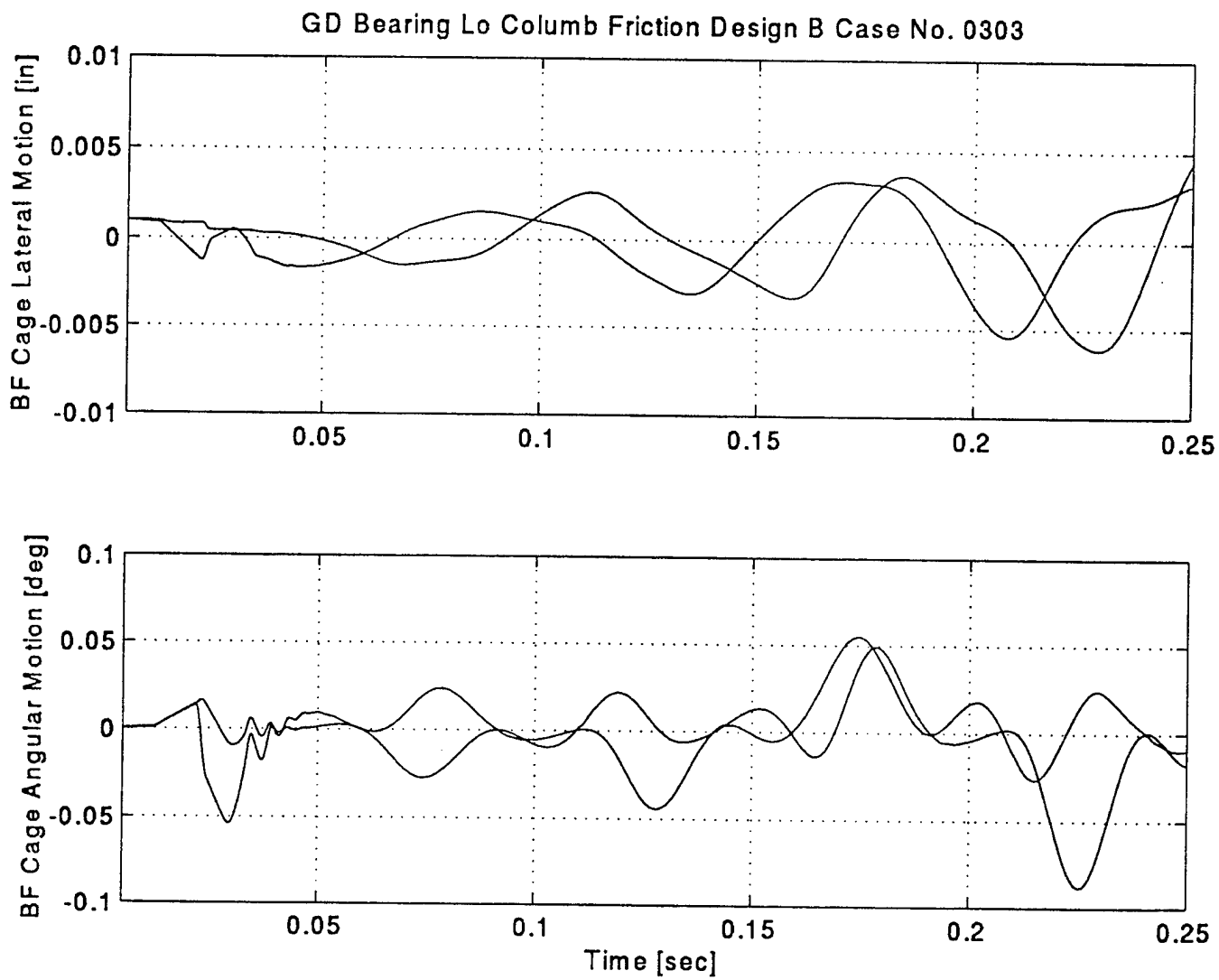


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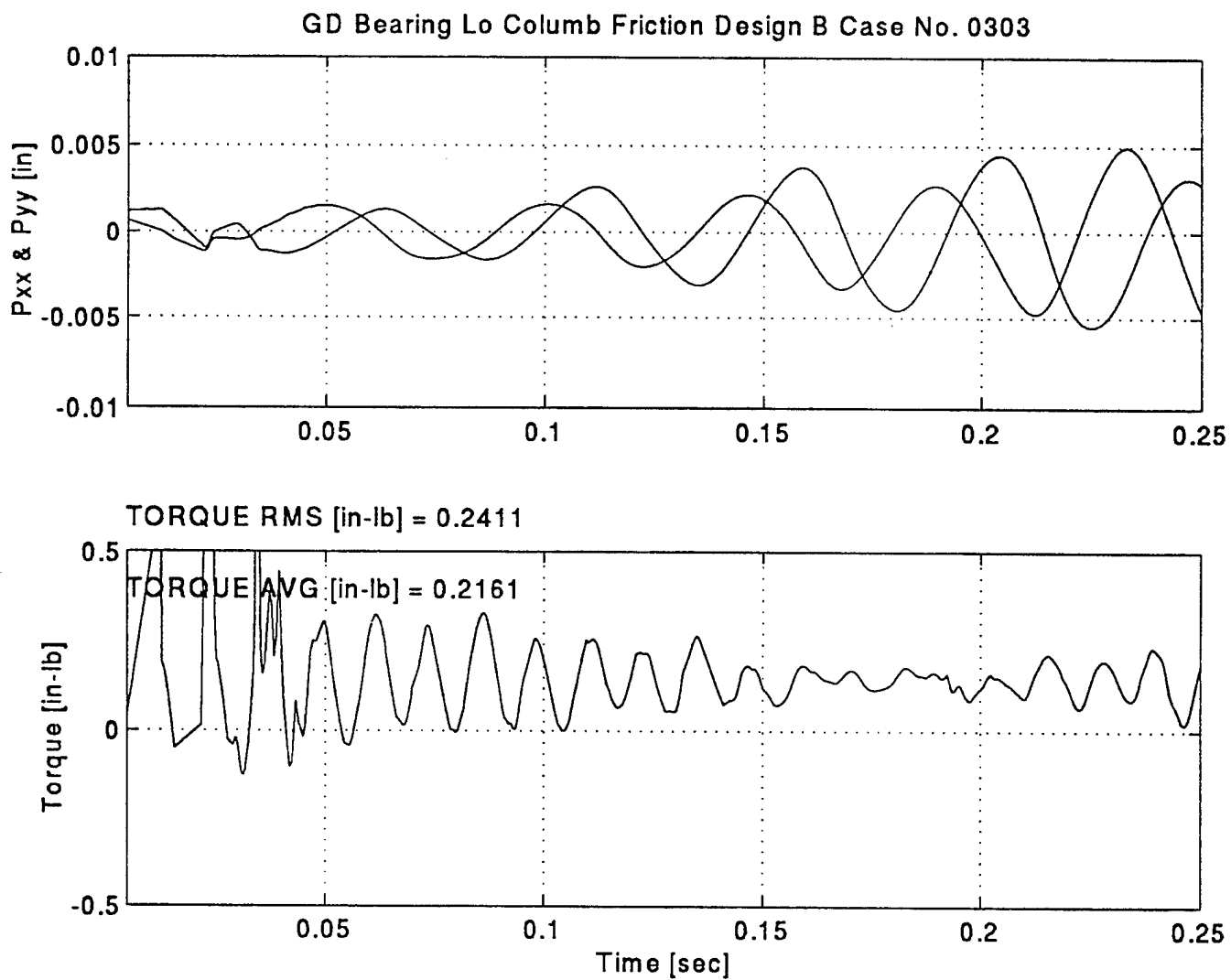


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